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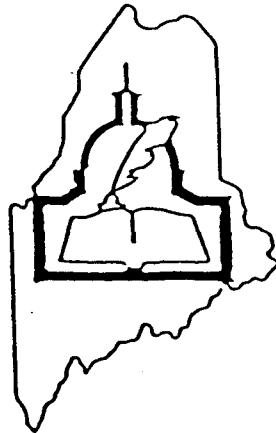
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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

The amendment provides a threshold of the greater of \$50,000 or 1% of the long-term debt for Public Utilities Commission approval of leases and restricts the provision to capital leases.

The amendment adds to the bill a requirement that a hearing date be set if the complaint is not dismissed and that the hearing actually be held if an informal resolution does not appear to be forthcoming.

The amendment retains from the bill the option of a fine instead of imprisonment, but also places an upper limit on the fine of \$100,000 and limits the offense to knowingly illegal issue of securities or misappropriation of proceeds.

The amendment deletes section 13 as discussed under section 5.

The amendment retains section 14. It is understood that the Public Utilities Commission will continue to include in its annual report to the Legislature a report on decommissioning filing fees.

The amendment deletes section 15 as discussed under section 5.

**LD** AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF LVWD  
**1737** ACCIDENT REPORTS

Sponsor: VOSE, Clark, H., Paradis, E., Nicholson  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Under present law utilities must report accidents to the PUC. The PUC must investigate fatal accidents and may investigate other accidents, and the PUC may order appropriate action. Neither the order nor the recommendation of the PUC nor the accident report are admissible as evidence.

The bill makes this information confidential under the Freedom of Access Act and makes it unavailable to legal discovery.

**LD** AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE BRUNSWICK ND LD 2256  
**1738** SEWER DISTRICT

Sponsor: PRIEST, Clark, N., Hayden, Rydell  
Committee Report: OTP-ND