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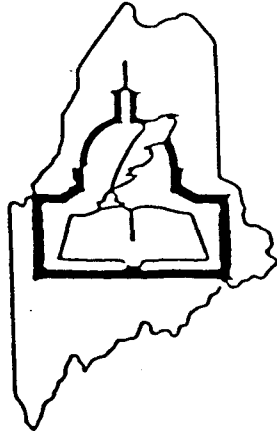
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
1941 CONSUMER ASSISTANCE DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES
IN THE STATUTES

PL 1985
c. 618

Sponsor: VOSE, Baldacci, McHenry, Weymouth
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-577 CA H S

SUMMARY: This bill strengthens the functions of the Consumer Assistance Division and the Library of the Public Utilities Commission in response to recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review.

This bill funds 2 professional positions and provides, for the first time, full-time clerical assistance to the division.

This bill funds one Librarian II position.

This bill also places the Assistant Administrative Director in the unclassified service, clarifies that law students hired by the Legal Division for the summer are in the unclassified service, clarifies that records of commission proceedings may be maintained on audio tapes and clarifies that any increases in the Regulatory Fund Assessment effective subsequent to May 1st may be billed on the effective date of the Act authorizing the increase.

The positions established in this bill are funded by increasing the Public Utility Commission Regulatory Fund by \$145,000.

The Committee Amendment (H-577) adjusts the dollar figures downward based on a more precise calculation of salaries.

LD AN ACT TO CREATE THE LINCOLNVILLE, CAMDEN,
1942 HOPE, SEARSMONT AND BELMONT WATER DISTRICT

LVWD

Sponsor: WHITCOMB, Allen, Taylor, Chalmers
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill authorizes establishment of a new water district serving the named towns. It would have water rights in the towns. A referendum is required to pass in all the towns.