

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

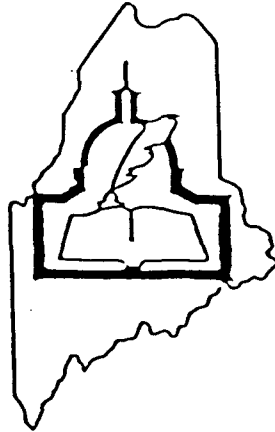
The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



MAY 1986

PREPARED BY:

Edward Potter, Legislative Analyst

OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
STATE HOUSE, STATION 13 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
(207) 289-1670



HELEN T. GINDER, DIRECTOR
HAVEN WHITESIDE, ASST. DIRECTOR
GILBERT W. BREWER
DAVID C. ELLIOTT
MARTHA E. FREEMAN
JERI B. GAUTSCHI
CHRISTOS GIANOPOULOS
WILLIAM T. GLIDDEN, JR.

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
ROOM 101/107
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL.: (207) 289-1670

JULIE S. JONES
JOHN B. KNOX
EDWARD POTTER
MARGARET J. REINSCH
LARS H. RYDELL
JOHN R. SELSER
ANDREA L. COLNES, Res. Asst.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1986

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 bill also proposes to transform the State Personnel Board into the State Civil Service Appeals Board which will serve only in an adjudicatory capacity to hear appeals with respect to job classifications and reclassifications, disciplinary action, and other appealable issues.

LD 2392 which incorporates most of the provisions of LD 2120 makes the following substantive changes in the original bill.

1. The Office of Human Resources will be the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administration, effective July 1, 1987, and
2. The Bureau of Human Resources will provide information to the Bureau of Employee Relations with respect to issues for collective bargaining.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE PL 1985
2126 BONDS AND THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN BONDS c. 593

Sponsor: USHER, Higgins, L.
Committee Report: OTP-AM

S-423 CA H S

SUMMARY: LD 2126 allows municipalities, following FAME approval, to issue taxable bonds (revenue) to finance public or private corporations to construct or reconstruct solid waste disposal facilities. In addition the bill prohibits voter approval at referendum of municipal bonds pledging the faith and credit of the municipality that are used to finance solid waste disposal systems.

The bill also statutorily removes from the definition of municipal indebtedness, debt financing, construction, repair and maintenance, operating, and other costs incurred by a municipality with respect to the development and operation of a solid waste disposal system. A municipality's debt ceiling with respect to debt incurred for a solid waste disposal system is established at 3% of the last full state valuation of the municipality minus the municipality's share of the debt to construct and operate the facility.

Under current law (38 MRSA Chapter 13) which governs the procedures by which municipalities contract with Public waste disposal corporations, the public waste disposal corporation is empowered to issue bonds, including bonds that pledge the faith and credit of the member municipalities, without voter approval. In addition, the municipal officers, not municipal voters, elect representatives to the board of directors of the public waste disposal corporation. These same provisions apply with respect to the issue of taxable bonds and the incurrence of debt that a public waste disposal corporation is granted in LD 2126.

The proposal in LD 2126 is the result of the proposed Federal Tax Reform Act which establishes a ceiling on tax free bonds issued by states/municipalities for economic development, housing, etc., the proceeds of which, go to private firms or organizations. In Maine, the ceiling is \$200,000,000 which includes a mandatory \$30,000,000 set aside for non-profit hospital health care facilities. By using taxable bonds, a solid waste disposal operation would not fall under the \$200,000,000 ceiling.

LD 2143	AN ACT REQUIRING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS DESCRIBING THE COSTS AND BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT AND AGENCY RULE THAT AFFECT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS Sponsor: WEBSTER, M., Jackson, Bell Committee Report: New Draft of LD 628	FAILED ENACTMENT
------------	---	---------------------

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 628.

LD 2163	AN ACT TO PERMIT SPECIFIC MUNICIPALITIES TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATORS OF FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	PL 1985 c. 613
------------	---	-------------------

Sponsor: DAVIS, Tardy, Murphy, T., Pearson
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1862

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 1862.