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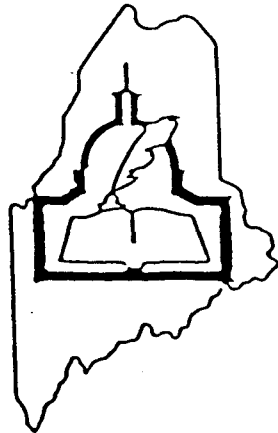
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BILL SUMMARY



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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

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

P&SL 1985  
c. 102  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: PRIEST, Clark, N., Hayden, Rydell  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1738

SUMMARY: At present, the Brunswick Sewer District is arguably governed by 2 different procedural requirements for issuance of bonds or notes: One in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1201, subsection 10 and the other in the charter. The new draft repeals the cross reference to the Title 38, section 1201, subsection 10, and amends the charter to bring the existing procedural requirements together in one place. The new draft also retains the cross reference in the charter to other subsections of Title 38, section 1201, which are not duplicated in the charter and which are important to the issuance of bonds and notes.

LD AN ACT TO ASSIST CONSUMERS IN OBTAINING REDRESS PL 1985  
2259 FOR VIOLATION OF THEIR RIGHTS BY REGULATED c. 657  
UTILITIES

Sponsor: BALDACCI, Chalmers, Simpson, Swazey, M.  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1915

SUMMARY: The new draft, like the bill, provides a way for an aggrieved customer to collect actual damages for willful and reckless disconnection. By giving the authority to the Administrative Court it makes it unnecessary for a customer to undergo the legal and other expense of initiating a suit against the utility in court. It essentially provides for an order for payment of damages at the same time the utility suffers a civil penalty for the violation of the rule. In addition, the new draft provides that before an action is brought in the Administrative Court the customer shall notify the utility of the alleged wrongful termination.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE  
2299 PASSAMAQUODDY WATER DISTRICT

CARRIED OVER  
TO SPECIAL  
SESSION

Sponsor: VOSE, Brown, L.  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1829