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Part II County and Local

BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

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AN ACT TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE CORRECTIONS IN THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAWS (REPORTED PURSUANT TO A STUDY BY THE LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE)

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor:
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-242 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The purpose of this bill is to make corrective changes in the laws relating to counties and municipalities. It is intended to be a companion bill to the bill which recodifies the local government laws and makes necessary or desirable substantive change in current law which could not be made in the nonsubstantive recodification bill. It streamlines current provisions of law, addresses problems which exist under current law and repeals archaic provisions of law which no longer serve a useful state interest. The recodification bill was not introduced this year.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY A SEWER DISTRICT'S PL 1987
54 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR c. 23
OF PUBLIC DRAINS OR COMMON SEWERS

Sponsor: MCHENRY, Tuttle
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill adds sewer districts to towns as the bodies having responsibility for maintaining drains and sewers.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEES RECOVERABLE BY A PL 1987
57 MUNICIPALITY IN A NUISANCE ABATEMENT c. 26

Sponsor: MCHENRY, Tuttle, Ridley, Willey
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-14 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY:

This bill refers to the nuisance created by a malfunctioning septic system. Currently, under Title 30, section 4359 a municipality may receive actual and direct expenses, including attorney's fees if the municipality prevails, in abating such a nuisance.

This bill defines direct expenses and does so to include reasonable attorney's fees and other costs incurred to create and prosecute a collection action.