

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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

LD  
698

AN ACT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF UNDERGROUND  
FACILITIES UPON TRANSFERS OF REAL PROPERTY

LVWD

Sponsor: KANY, Murphy, E., Simpson, Usher  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 698 proposed to require an owner of real estate to insert a notice into the deed for that property of any underground facilities installed on the property. "Underground facilities" was defined to include any man-made thing installed under the surface of the property and any excavation into the ground greater than 10 cubic yards in volume.

LD  
719

AN ACT TO REMOVE SUPERIOR COURT JURISDICTION  
IN DIVORCE ACTIONS

LVWD

Sponsor: WARREN, Black, Brannigan, Paradis, P.  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill sought to provide the District Court with sole jurisdiction in actions for divorce, judicial separation, annulment of marriage or for support. Currently, the Superior Court has concurrent jurisdiction over these proceedings.

LD  
722

AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PREMARITAL  
AGREEMENT ACT

PL 1987  
c. 302

Sponsor: HANLEY, Anthony  
Committee Report: OTP-A (Majority)  
ONTP (Minority)

Amendments Adopted:  
H-200 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill, as amended by H-200 places in statute provisions governing the creation and enforcement of premarital agreements. The bill only applies to agreements made between prospective spouses in contemplation of marriage. It does not apply to agreements between persons who live together but who are not contemplating marriage, nor to postnuptial or separation agreements. Among other matters, the bill permits a written, signed premarital agreement to cover the rights and obligations of each party in property; the rights to buy, sell, and use property; the disposition of property upon separation, marital dissolution, or death; spousal support; the making of a will; rights in life insurance benefits; the choice of law governing the agreement; and matters involving personal