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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 700 AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE MAINE FIRE TRAINING AND
EDUCATION PROGRAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES TO THE MAINE
VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SYSTEM

PL 1987
c. 124
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: PERKINS, Randall, Role, McGowan
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-40 COMMITTEE
S-53 TUTTLE

SUMMARY: LD 700 transfers the Firefighter Training Program from the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to the Maine Vocational Technical Institute System.

Previously this program was the responsibility of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. The Executive Director of the Maine Vocational Technical Institute System is given responsibility for the program by LD 700.

This bill was amended twice. One amendment corrected an omission from the original allocation and allocated money to the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System to fund the Firefighter Training Program which has been transferred to that system.

The second amendment corrected an erroneous reference to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services and changed the reference to the Executive Director of the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System.

This amendment removed the allocation of special dedicated revenues in the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for the Maine Fire Training and Educational Program. This program is now under the jurisdiction of and administered by the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System with the special dedicated revenues derived from the assessment on fire insurance policies and premiums.

LD 708 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION OF THE PUBLIC
ADVOCATE

H-OTP
S-ONTP

Sponsor: BAKER
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)
OTP (Minority)

SUMMARY: LD 708 proposed that the Legislature, in joint convention, elect the Public Advocate for a term of 4 years. In the event of a vacancy in the office during the period that the Legislature is adjourned, the President of the Senate would be authorized to appoint an interim Public Advocate who would serve until the Legislature convenes and elects the Public Advocate.

The Public Advocate is currently appointed by the Governor, reviewed by the Utilities Committee and confirmed by the Senate. The Public Advocate serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

LD 718 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW TO SET STANDARDS FOR THE CREATION OF JOB CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS ND LD 1688 & LD 1689

Sponsor: LACROIX, Bustin, Norton
Committee Report: OPT-ND LD 1688 (Majority) & 1689 (Minority)

SUMMARY: See ND LD 1689 (majority) and LD 1688 (minority).

LD 742 RESOLVE, CREATING A WATERSHED DISTRICT COMMISSION INDEF PP

Sponsor: KANY, Simpson, Tracy, Mitchell
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-268 CARROLL
S-65 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 742 would establish the Watershed District Commission which would have the duty to study issues concerning the creation and operation of lake management and watershed districts with a goal of providing statewide uniformity.

LD 742 was amended twice. The first amendment created 2 ex officio non-voting members of the Watershed District Commission. This amendment also provides that the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission will staff the Commission.

The second amendment eliminates one ex officio non-voting member and provides that only the Department of Environmental Protection shall provide technical assistance to the Commission.

LD 748 AN ACT RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF STATE EMPLOYEES TO SOLICIT POLITICAL CANDIDATES LVWD

Sponsor: TUTTLE, Rotondi, Carroll, Bustin
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 748 would have expanded the political rights of state employees and provided measures to prevent the abuse of these rights.