

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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. 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

B. Non-elderly relief. The amendment establishes within the administrative framework of the elderly program, a separate circuit breaker benefit for non-elderly persons. Benefits begin with the 1988 application year (1988-89 fiscal year). Benefits are available to single member households with income up to \$7,400 and households with 2 or more members up to \$9,200. In fiscal year 1989, this portion of the proposal costs \$2,554,000.

C. Sunset. Under a House Amendment, leave as in portion of the bill is repealed on July 1, 1989.

LD  
727

AN ACT ENABLING MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH  
MUNICIPAL LAND BANKS FUNDED BY A LOCAL OPTION  
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX (REPORTED PURSUANT TO  
PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS, CHAPT. 119 OF 1985)

H-OTP-A  
S-ONTP

Sponsor:

Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)  
OTP-AM (Minority)

SUMMARY: This bill contains the recommendations of the  
Municipal Land Bank Study Commission.

The original bill permits a municipality to impose a local real estate transfer tax for the purpose of funding a municipal land bank. The municipality would be required to hold a referendum on imposition of the tax. The tax would be limited to 0.4% of the taxable base of property transferred within the municipality to be paid one half by the transferor and one half by the transferee. The first \$77,000 of the value of primary residences would be exempt from the tax. The tax would be collected by the county registrars of deeds at the same time as the State real estate transfer tax. Revenues obtained through a local real estate transfer tax would be restricted to the acquisition or management of land for the purposes of preserving undeveloped land, conserving natural or scenic resources or wildlife habitat, maintaining or improving recreational opportunities or other incidental purposes, including administrative costs but not including maintenance or improvements.

The bill was recommitted to the Taxation Committee, reported out a second time with a Committee Amendment changing the collection of the tax from the registry of deeds to the local tax collector and providing a lien for nonpayment. The bill died between bodies.