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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

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.

Persons covered by the bill include: classified state employees, exceptions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 461, subsection 2; and unclassified state employees, exceptions listed in Title 5, section 461, subsection 2.

Persons exempted from the provisions of this bill include: elective officers chosen by popular election; Constitutional officers; heads of departments, members of boards appointed by the Governor and some bureau chiefs. This group is not excluded with respect to prohibition against solicitation of political contributions; officers and employees in the judicial service; officers and employees of the House of Representatives and Senate; employees in the Governor's office and at the Blaine Mansion; officers and employees of the school system in the unorganized territory and teachers and principals of state vocational schools and institutes; and The Attorney General's office.

Prohibited activities for state employees covered by the bill are that: state employees may not run in any election for state office; state employees, including heads of departments, members of boards and commissions appointed by the Governor and some bureau directors, may not solicit political contributions; state employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly coercing political contributions; state employees are prohibited from using their official authority or influence to affect the result of an election; and State law enforcement officers are governed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter 403, which regulates solicitation and office holding for law enforcement officers.

Permitted activities for state employees covered by the bill are that: state employees may be candidates in any nonpartisan election; a state employee may be a candidate in municipal and county partisan elections as long as he has a statement from his appointing authority that the employee does not fall under the Federal Hatch Act; and state employees may participate in political campaigns at any level, municipal, county or state, including donation of time, funds and services.

LD 750 RESOLVE, TO NAME THE EASTPORT BREAKWATER THE HARRY L. VOSE BREAKWATER LVWD

Sponsor: PEARSON, Moholland, Tammaro, Dow
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The purpose of the bill is stated in its title.