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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 AN ACT TO CLARIFY ELECTION PROCEDURES AND THE
957 EFFECTS OF INTERCONNECTED WATER LINES IN WATER
FLUORIDATION REFERENDA

PL 1987
c. 122

Sponsor: BUSTIN, Dutremble, D., Chonko, Carroll
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
S-43 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: Under current law, no public water system may add any fluoride to any water supply without first having been authorized to do so by the affected single community water district or multiple community water district served by it. The lack of a specific reference to the limited provision of fluoridated water to non-fluoridated areas can pose problems. This bill defines the situations for which authorization is required so that a water district which receives public water from a public water system which is not a primary supplier of water to that water district would not vote with respect to the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

This bill also limits the time for which the Secretary of State may review petition forms, and clarifies the election procedures.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-43) clarifies that water utilities which receive water from a fluoridated water supply by virtue of a cross connection between the 2 systems may continue to receive such water without the necessity of a fluoride election so long as it is receiving less than half of its water in that fashion.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOVAL AND SALE OF
963 ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

PL 1987
c. 172

Sponsor: ROLDE, McPherson, Soucy, Estes
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: Current law provides for the removal and sale of abandoned motor vehicles on private property. This bill tracks that same procedure for vehicles ordered removed from public property by a police officer in the line of duty. If the vehicle remains on the property to which it was removed for 30 days or more, the owner of the property must attempt to notify the record owner of the vehicle by mail or publication. If the vehicle's owner does not claim it and pay the costs incurred for towing and storage within 30 days, the ownership of the vehicle passes to the owner of the property.