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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

LD  
1276

AN ACT TO CREATE A PUBLIC SERVICE CABLE CHANNEL  
CONNECTED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

LVWD

Sponsor: BOTT, Hichborn, Crowley, Clark N.  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill requires that every operator of cable television in the State make available a channel for public service use by the University of Maine System, to the extent as authorized by federal law.

The Federal Cable Communication Policy Act of 1984 (PL 98-549) (47 U.S.C. Subchapter V-A) limited the ability of the franchising authority (in Maine the municipality) to regulate rates and programming, but allows a franchising authority to establish requirements that channel capacity be designated for public, educational or governmental use.

LD  
1281

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PRESQUE  
ISLE SEWER DISTRICT AND THE PRESQUE ISLE WATER  
DISTRICT

P&SL 1987  
c. 34

Sponsor: LISNIK, MacBride, Collins  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-214 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: The bill expands the territory of the Presque Isle Sewer District and the Presque Isle Water District, and requires Public Utilities Commission approval of any sewer system construction.

The amendment deletes a redundant description of the territory of the sewer district and deletes a reference to the Public Utilities Commission regulation of the sewer district which is now outdated. Based on a Law Court decision, the Public Utilities Commission has not regulated any sewer districts for many years. Finally, the amendment adds a local referendum for approval of the expansion of the territory of the districts.

LD  
1311

AN ACT CREATING THE FAYETTE WATER DISTRICT

CARRY-OVER

Sponsor: KANY, Norton  
Committee Report: CARRY OVER

SUMMARY: The bill establishes the Fayette Water District, with the same boundaries as the Town. The Town has already voted to establish the district. It is not clear whether there are immediate plans to develop a water supply.