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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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- 2. the standards that different agencies apply to these contracted services;
- 3. the extent to which competitive bidding applies to these contracts;
- 4. the appropriateness of using private contractors to provide these services;
- 5. the need for standards to be applied to these contracts.

The Commission would consist of 5 representatives and 3 senators who had served on the Audit and Program Review Committee and appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate. One member would represent AFSCME and one would represent MSEA. The Governor would appoint 2 state employees responsible for administering personal service contracts.

The Commission would have reported its findings and any necessary implementing legislation to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

LD RESOLVE, to Extend the Reporting Deadline for the Commission RESOLVE
2331 on Children in Need of Supervision and Treatment 083
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S) THISTLE BRANNIGAN GILL CHONKO COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-463 THISTLE

SUMMARY

This bill extended the reporting deadline from March 1, 1988, to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature for the Commission on Children in Need of Supervision and Treatment. The commission could not meet the reporting deadline.

LD An Act Concerning the Statutory Organization of Boards and PUBLIC 2347 Commissions 786

SPONSOR(S)

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OTP-AM

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

H-677

S-458 BALDACCI

SUMMARY

LD 2347 proposed to restructure the categories of boards in the Title 5, chapter 379, in order to facilitate the amending process. At present, to amend a provision in a paragraph or sub-paragraph, the entire section or subsection must be printed, or the section or subsection has to be repealed and replaced.

LD 2347 lists boards as subsections instead of paragraphs and thereby makes the chapter much easier to amend.

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LD 2347 revised some of the current categories of boards to make the categories more meaningful. As a result the following changes have been made:

- a new category "Educational Policy Boards," is created;
- 2. the category "Rate Regulation" has been replaced by the category, "Budget and Rate Regulation" which includes the Maine Health Care Finance Commission from another category;
- 3. the category, "Financing and Administrative Organizations" has been replaced by the category "Bonding and Financing Organization";
- 4. the category, "Policy Making Boards for Specific or Limited Purposes" replaced by the category "General Government Boards;"
- 5. the categories "Property Assessment; Valuation and Appeals Board;" "Labor or Management Arbitration and Commodity Arbitration Boards," and "Substantive Regulatory Boards, Boards Pursuant to Federal Law" have been replaced by the category "Arbitration, mediation, valuation, and appeals boards."

The bill did not create any new boards, and 16 boards were abolished that were either inactive or no longer exist.

The committee amendment made the following changes:

- The per diem rate paid to the Panel of Mediators is corrected to be consistent with Public law 1987, chapter 468;
- 2. The per diem of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System is established at the legislative per diem rate, consistent with a previously enacted law that was inconsistent with another enacted law;
- 3. The Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Monitoring Panel has been moved to a more appropriate category entitled General Government. The Panel is not an occupational or professional licensing board;
- 4. The Agricultural Promotion Committee is restored;
- 5. The Medical Advisory Board, Licensing of Drivers, is authorized to receive expenses only;
- 6. References to the Maine Indian Tribal State commission have been removed in order to comply with federal law;
- 7. The per diem of the Maine State Retirement System Board is changed to legislative per diem to reflect the intent of the bill as stated in the statement of fact; and
- 8. The composition of the ad-hoc advisory board on minimum wage for construction projects has been changed to reflect the current statutory requirements for membership.