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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::

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| 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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Authorize Knox County to Raise up to \$4,900,000 to P & S
2633 Construct a New Jail and Law Enforcement Facility 114

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
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| MELENDY ALLEN TAYLOR | NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE | H-732 BROWN |

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Knox County commissioners to seek approval from county voters to raise up to \$4,900,000 for construction of a new jail and law enforcement facility for Knox County. The county will supplement these funds with state funds that will be appropriated under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1210.

House Amendment A (H-732) addresses a technical problem.

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| LD 2635 | Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 1988 (Reported Pursuant to a Joint Order; HP1489) | RESOLVE 102 EMERGENCY |
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| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
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SUMMARY

This Resolve is the annual county tax and authorization bill for Kennebec County. Total appropriations for the County are \$3,317,000, an increase of 23% over last year.

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| LD 2636 | RESOLVE, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Androscoggin County for the Year 1988 (Reported Pursuant to a Joint Order; HP1489) | RESOLVE 103 EMERGENCY |
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| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
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SUMMARY

This Resolve is the annual county tax and authorization bill for Androscoggin County. Total appropriations for the County are \$2,785,000, an increase of 20% over last year.

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| LD 2639 | An Act to Revise the Salaries of Certain County Officers (Reported Pursuant to a Joint Order; HP1489) | PUBLIC 780 EMERGENCY |
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| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
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| | OTP | H-778 LISNIK |

SUMMARY

The various sections dealing with the authority and responsibility of individual county officers require that their salaries be paid as reflected in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 2. This bill changes the

figures currently in this section to bring them into line with the 1988 county budgets as approved by the Legislature. This bill also contains salaries for future years in Knox County and Aroostook County.

The counties which are no longer required to have their budgets approved by the Legislature do not need to have statutory approval of the salaries of their officers. Currently, Cumberland County and Waldo County do not require legislative approval of their budget.

Counties which have county administrators may not pay a salary to their commissioners. Currently, Aroostook County and York County have county administrators. This bill, however, waives this no-salary provision for those 2 counties and allows the payment of salaries as specified in Title 30, section 2. It also allows the payment of \$100 per commissioner meeting in Aroostook County. The current limit for counties that have an administrator is \$75. The salary and per diem provisions for Aroostook County are not to take place until January 1, 1989.

House Amendment B (H-778) allows the payment of the \$100 per meeting fee in Aroostook County to begin with 1988, but the emergency clause states that the section referring to Aroostook County is not to take effect until 1989. The individual county budget bills have not been amended to reflect these salary changes.

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| LD | RESOLVE, to Revise the Kennebec County Budget to Reflect | RESOLVE |
| 2644 | an Increase the the Surplus Account | 115 |
| | | EMERGENCY |

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| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
| PARADIS P | NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE | |

SUMMARY

This resolve reflects an unanticipated increase in county surplus and its transfer to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation.