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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 294 proposed to create an advisory budget committee for Knox County to be elected by municipal officers in the county.

**LD 303 An Act to Establish a Process for the Deorganization of Municipalities and Plantations**

**PUBLIC 216  
EMERGENCY**

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COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-167  
H-238 HEESCHEN

SUMMARY

LD 303 proposed to establish a uniform process of municipal deorganization. A municipality would have to hold a meeting upon the petition of at least 10% of the town voters to consider whether the town wanted to pursue the process of deorganization. If the voters approved further action, the municipal officers would appoint a 3 to 5 member deorganization committee to develop a deorganization plan. The contents of this plan were prescribed in the LD to ensure that adequate information on the effects of deorganization was presented to the voters. The LD also established the 5-member Commission on Municipal Deorganization, composed of relevant state officials and a county commissioner from the affected county to assist local deorganization committees. After the deorganization plan was developed, a public hearing would be conducted at which the voters would approve or disapprove the plan as presented or amend it. If the deorganization plan was approved, it would require approval by the Legislature, which would be conditioned upon a final vote by the town approving deorganization. Deorganization would be effective only if the town voted to deorganize after Legislative approval.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-167) made the following changes:

1. Standardized the notice requirements for all meetings required to be held under the LD;
2. Provided for a 5-member local deorganization committee to be elected by the voters;
3. Replaced the term "deorganization plan" with "deorganization procedure;"
4. Required the Commission on Municipal Deorganization to develop a deorganization procedure if the local committee failed to do so;
5. Required the county commissioner member of the Commission to represent the commissioner district in which the town proposing to deorganize was located; and
6. Required a separate public hearing to be held on the proposed deorganization procedure before it is presented to the town voters.