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ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
PART II - LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**JULY 1989**

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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.

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

**LD 812      An Act to Establish the Boundary Line between the Town of  
Falmouth and the City of Westbrook**

**P & S 28**

SPONSOR(S)

REED  
ESTY  
O'GARA  
CURRAN

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-168

SUMMARY

LD 812 defined the boundary between the Town of Falmouth and the City of Westbrook.

**LD 813      An Act to Improve Public Access to and Participation in  
Decisions Made by Quasi-municipal Corporations**

**PUBLIC 479**

SPONSOR(S)

DUFFY  
JOSEPH  
CAHILL T  
BERUBE

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-543  
H-645    DUFFY

SUMMARY

LD 813 proposed to adopt a municipal administrative procedure act, based upon the state act, to regulate the adoption of rules by municipal and quasi-municipal entities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-543) replaced the bill and simply required all quasi-municipal entities to adopt reasonable public notice and hearing requirements before adopting any rule or establishing a new program.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-645) cross-referenced the notice and hearing requirements of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act and provided an exception for actions taken by a quasi-municipal entity related to bond issues, rate proceedings and indebtedness.

**LD 817      An Act to Provide a Referendum to Abolish County Government  
and Authorize Reassignment of its Functions and Duties to  
Appropriate State and Municipal Departments and Agencies**

**DIED BETWEEN  
HOUSES**

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KANY  
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DILLENBACK

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP            MAJ  
OTP-AM        MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 817 proposed to establish a study commission to determine the appropriate reassignment of county government functions and provided for a referendum on the abolishment of county government.

Committee Amendment "A" deleted the referendum provision and provided for a study on the reassignment of county government functions. The study was approved by the Legislative Council.