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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee  
Bill Summaries**

**June 1990**

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. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP  
OTP-ND  
OTP-ND-NT  
OTP-A  
ONTP  
LVWD  
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass  
Ought to Pass in New Draft  
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title  
Ought to Pass as Amended  
Ought Not to Pass  
Leave to Withdraw  
Indefinitely Postponed

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond, 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.

3. A concern that alternative methods for providing property tax relief to commercial fishermen were not available for consideration, and that the costs and the possible mechanisms for State reimbursement of forgone local property tax revenues were not developed.

**LD 2046**      **An Act to Clarify the Rule-making Authority of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission**      **PUBLIC 647**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LUDWIG BOST AULT CROWLEY	OTP-AM	S-491

**SUMMARY**

LD 2046 originally granted rulemaking authority to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine Historic Preservation Officer presently have authority to adopt rules.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-491) to LD 2046 required that all rules adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission, the Director of Maine Historic Preservation Commission or the Maine Historic Preservation Officer be adopted pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedures Act.

**LD 2061**      **An Act to Make Corrections in the Governmental Ethics Law**      **PUBLIC 608  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GWADOSKY	OTP            MAJ OTP-AM        MIN	H-774    GWADOSKY

**SUMMARY**

LD 2061 made several changes to the income disclosure laws governing legislators and executive employees. The LD required all self-employed legislators to list their sources of self-employed income; prior law required disclosure only when the legislator was solely self-employed. Such disclosure is required for any source responsible for the greater of 10% of the official's income or \$1,000. The LD added a \$1,000 threshold requirement concerning the disclosure of each source of income to family members of a public official. The LD also proposed to limit the requirement that officials report any unsecured loans over \$3,000 by exempting bank loans and credit card liabilities.

House Amendment "B" (H-744) deleted the proposed exemptions from the reporting of unsecured loans.

**LD 2071**      **An Act to Authorize Maine School Administrative District Number 61 to Enter into a Land Exchange with S. D. Warren Company**      **P & S 105  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TWITCHELL JACKSON	OTP-AM	S-493

**SUMMARY**

LD 2071 authorized Maine School Administrative District 61 to enter into a land exchange with the S.D. Warren Company for the purpose of acquiring the site for a proposed school bus garage and maintenance facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-493) to LD 2071 corrected the property description of the lands to be exchanged, based upon new surveys.

**LD 2143      An Act to Allow Kineo Township to Organize      LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WEBSTER C GOULD R A	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

LD 2143 proposed to authorize the organization of Kineo Township as the Town of Kineo, contingent upon a referendum vote of the township residents.

**LD 2154      An Act Shifting Financial Responsibility for County District Attorney Offices to the State      LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CONLEY	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

LD 2154 proposed that the State pay the counties' costs of operating district attorneys' offices. The LD did not propose to transfer those offices and personnel state jurisdiction, but only provided for state reimbursement of county district attorney expenditures.

**LD 2173      An Act to Permit the Sale of Consumer Education Materials by the Attorney General      PUBLIC 653**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
RYDELL GURNEY CLARK N	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

LD 2173 clarified that existing statutes do not prevent the Consumer Fraud Division of the Office of the Attorney General from charging fees for the production and distribution of consumer education materials.

**LD 2179      An Act to Help Fund County Government (Reported Pursuant to a Study Authorized by the Legislative Council)      INDEF PP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
	OTP-AM	

**SUMMARY**

LD 2179 was a minority report of the county government reform study subcommittee and proposed to distribute the full amount of the jail surcharge to the counties and increase the county share of the transfer tax to 55%.

Committee Amendment "A" replaced the LD and added to the LD all those portions of LD 2215 that had a fiscal impact. The amended LD included the following reforms, to be phased in over a 4-year period beginning on July 1, 1991: