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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.

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**LD 2189**

**An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bangor Water District**

**LV/WD**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DUFFY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill sought to amend the charter of the Bangor Water District to require Bangor City Council approval of any district decisions to enter into, renegotiate, amend or renew contracts to provide or sell water outside the district. It would have also added a referendum clause to the charter, whereby if 5% of the district's voters sign a petition, a decision of the water district must be put to referendum.

**LD 2205**

**An Act to Allow Towns to Lay Pipes Under Railroad Tracks**

**PUBLIC 813  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CAHILL M  
PEARSON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-982

**SUMMARY**

Current law gives the Public Utilities Commission authority to resolve disputes concerning the construction of sewer and drain pipes across railroad tracks. This bill originally sought to give municipalities final authority over the method and time of completion for those projects. The bill, as amended (H-982), adds language to the current law which does not change the intent of the current law. The title was amended to reflect the changes in the committee amendment.

**LD 2303**

**An Act to Regulate the Process by which Water Districts  
Take Land**

**PUBLIC 789  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BURKE  
BUSTIN  
HOGLUND

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-934

**SUMMARY**

This bill originally sought to require a utility, when it sought to take property by condemnation for construction of a water treatment facility, to show that no other property is suitable for that facility. The bill, as amended (H-934), requires water utilities to give written notice to those persons who own or abut land that is being considered for acquisition for the purpose of constructing a water treatment facility and to the municipality in which the land is located, and to the public by means of a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the land is located. The title was amended to reflect the changes in the committee amendment.