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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.

1. Required the Judicial Department to pay rent for the Superior Court courtrooms and clerks' offices;
2. Required the Attorney General to reimburse counties for operating expenses of the district attorneys' offices;
3. Required the State to reimburse counties for the costs of operating county jails; and
4. Increased the county share of the real estate transfer tax to 55%.

The amendment also retained the study of regional emergency management plans but deleted the proposed study of the government of the unorganized territory.

LD 2200 An Act Regarding Investment of State Funds in Corporations MAJ (OTP-AM)
Doing Business in Northern Ireland

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CASHMAN	OTP-AM MAJ	H-1006 MAJ REP
MARTIN J	OTP-AM MIN	H-1031 CONLEY
PEARSON		
MCGOWAN		

SUMMARY

LD 2200 originally required that the Maine State Retirement System withdraw all retirement trust funds invested in corporations doing business in Northern Ireland which have not adopted the MacBride Principles.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1006) to LD 2200, the Committee's majority report, clarified the bill by stating explicitly that the divestiture provision applied only to domestic corporations. The amendment also exempted commingled investment trust funds from the divestiture provision and amended the MacBride Principles set forth in the original bill by striking the reference to "minority" employees in that section of the Principles that requires adequate security at the workplace.

House Amendment "A" (H-1031) to Committee Amendment "A" was a technical amendment to the bill, inserting a word that was inadvertently omitted from the Committee amendment.

LD 2215 An Act to Reform County Government (Reported Pursuant to a INDEF PP)
Study Authorized by the Legislative Council)

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM A	
	OTP-AM B	
	OTP-AM C	

SUMMARY

LD 2215 was the unanimous report of the county government reform study subcommittee and proposed to comprehensively reform county government by requiring the appointment of a county administrator, replacing the register of deeds and the county treasurer with appointed personnel, establishing county budget autonomy under a uniform budget committee process and providing financial assistance to the counties.

Committee Amendment "A" proposed minor reforms to county government, including the correction of certain technical drafting errors in Title 30-A, requiring all counties to have 3 commissioners, requiring the

appointment of a county clerk, repealing the district attorneys' duty to represent counties in civil matters, requiring financial reports from county grant recipients and increasing the allowable use of state prisoner reimbursement to county jails.

Committee Amendment "C" included all of the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" and also required a uniform county budget process. The budget would be set by a county budget committee, subject to the county commissioners' veto and to a potential override by the budget committee. Counties would be permitted to vary this process only under a county charter.

Committee Amendment "B" included all of the provisions of Committee Amendments "A" and "C" and also required the appointment of the register of deeds and treasurer in each county (current office-holders were grandfathered), required sheriffs to meet certain training requirements and expanded the role of the county clerk.

**LD 2234 Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Public
Improvements to Sell the Maine Criminal Justice Academy
Campus in Waterville, Maine**

OTP-AM

SPONSOR(S)
KANY
CARPENTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-548

SUMMARY

LD 2234 authorized the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements to sell the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Campus in Waterville. Proceeds from the sale of the Waterville Campus must be used by the Bureau of Public Improvements to equip and repair the new campus of the Criminal Justice Academy in the former Oak Grove-Coburn School in Vassalboro, Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" to LD 2234 added several requirements to the bill. First, the amendment required that the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements conduct a public hearing at the Waterville Campus in the presence of the potential buyer to determine whether or not the proposed new use of the campus was compatible with the surrounding Waterville community. Second, the amendment added a reversion clause to the bill, specifying that title to the property reverts to the State if the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements determines that the property has not been used or maintained in a manner consistent with the Waterville community. Third, the amendment added an allocation section to the bill allowing the Department of Administration to use funds raised through the sale of the Waterville Campus to equip and repair the Vassalboro site.

**LD 2246 An Act to Ensure the Effective Use of Grants in the Office
of the State Archivist**

PUBLIC 716

SPONSOR(S)
CARROLL D
ROLDE
ADAMS
BRANNIGAN

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-545 BERUBE

SUMMARY

LD 2246 amended the organizational structure of the Department of the Secretary of State by establishing the Office of the State Archivist as a bureau within the Secretary of State. The organizational change was not intended to have any administrative effect on either the Secretary of State or the State Archivist, however, it clarified for the purposes of the calculating administrative overhead costs using