

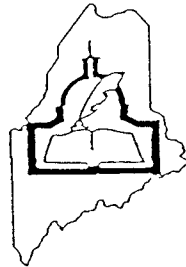
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**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

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plan, which is responsible for the distribution of telecommunications equipment. It includes speech impaired persons within the purview of this program. It replaces the term "teletypewriter equipment" with "special telecommunications devices" to reflect that the Department of Human Services distributes more than teletypewriters under this program. It terminates the Department of Human Services' responsibility for a telecommunications relay service at the time another provider provides the same or similar telecommunications relay service.

2. It anticipates the development of a statewide telecommunications relay service for the deaf, hearing impaired and speech impaired and articulates the features of such a system in Title 35-A.

3. It creates an 11-member Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council to evaluate telecommunications relay service in this State and to advise providers of those services regarding telecommunications relay service matters.

4. In order to accomplish a smooth transition without an interruption in service from the state-administered telecommunications relay service provided pursuant to Title 22, chapter 961, to a service regulated under Title 35-A, it requires the Public Utilities Commission to periodically notify the Department of Human Services, Division of Deafness, of the development and implementation of any telecommunications relay services. It is anticipated that the statewide service will be operational on or before January 1, 1991.

5. Enactment of this bill was not intended to favor any particular provider of telecommunications relay services.

The title was amended to reflect the changes in the committee amendment.

LD 2374 An Act to Create the Columbia Falls Water District

**P & S 118
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

RANDALL
LOOK

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-608

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended (S-608), authorizes the creation of the Columbia Falls Water District upon approval by voters in the portion of the Town of Columbia Falls comprising the district and authorizes the Columbia Falls Water District to acquire the assets and liabilities of the Allen Water Company.

LD 2393 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Van Buren Water District

**P & S 109
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)

MARTIN H
MARTIN J
THERIAULT

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Van Buren Water District to provide water by means of a well system.