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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were 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.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 1

An Act to Codify the Rules of Maine (Reported Pursuant to Public Laws 1989, chapter 636)

PUBLIC 554

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM MAJ	H-195
	ONTP MIN	H-200 COLES

SUMMARY

This bill implemented the recommendations of the Commission on Codification of Rules. It required the Secretary of State to codify the rules of state agencies and authorized certification of that codification as prima facie evidence of the rules in court. It further mandated a uniform drafting style and format for all state agencies adopting rules. It also provided for marketing and distribution of the codification and ensured that the State Librarian would receive 18 copies of codified rules. Finally, it directed the Secretary of State to report annually to the Legislature on the progress of implementing the codification and its impact on users.

Committee Amendment "A" directed the Secretary of State to complete the codification as available resources permit. It also deleted:

1. References to providing the State Librarian with 18 copies of the codified rules of Maine and supplements.
2. All references to the Secretary of State publishing the rules but kept the language that enabled the Secretary of State to certify published copies of the rules.
3. The requirement that all agencies submit a checklist regarding proposed rules to the Secretary of State.

House amendment "A" eliminated the requirement that publications of a rule or rules not certified by the Secretary of State must bear a conspicuous notice that they are not certified. That requirement was replaced by provisions that required the publication to neither state nor imply that it is certified; and to conspicuously identify the location of the Secretary of State's certified copy.

LD 18 An Act Concerning the Franklin County Budget

PUBLIC 495

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TRACY	OTP-AM	H-225
		H-610 TRACY
		S-212 MILLS

SUMMARY

This bill established the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee to review the budget estimate and make recommendations to the Franklin County commissioners.

Committee Amendment "A" detailed the budget procedures required for arrival at and approval of a final budget for Franklin County and added a repeal section that would take effect on April 30, 1993.

Senate Amendment "A" extended the date on which the bill would be repealed by one year.