

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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:

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

**LD 214**

**An Act Regarding the State's Environmental Policy on Low-density Subdivisions**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MICHAUD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the low-density subdivision exemption added to the site location of development laws during the 114th Legislature. The bill would have eliminated certain dimensional requirements of the existing law and explicitly authorized any qualified easement holder to hold easements employed to meet the requirements of the exemption. The bill also would have required the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to forward a copy of the exemption application to the appropriate municipality within 15 days of receipt of a completed exemption application.

**LD 217**

**An Act to Create Citizen Councils on Unorganized Islands**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
BRAWN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have exempted populated unorganized islands owned by at least 3 people from the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and required that those islands form a "citizen council" to carry out the purposes of the unorganized land use regulation laws set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 206-A.

**LD 220**

**An Act to Preempt the Definition of Subdivision**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HASTINGS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to repeal municipal authority to adopt ordinances that expand the definition of subdivision beyond the definition established in Maine statutes. Under this proposal, a municipality would not be allowed to require the division of a lot into 2 parcels to undergo municipal subdivision review.

**LD 226**

**An Act Regulating Maine Land Use Regulation Commission Zoning Practices**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission from changing the zoning of any land without the consent of the affected landowners.