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AND
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**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:

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.

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governmental entities in obtaining necessary capital funds. The methods of assistance allowed governmental entities to:

1. Tap new markets for long-term financing;
2. Provide benefits of scale to reduce costs and allow access to sources of funds in municipal borrowing; and
3. Provide new forms of credit enhancement to reduce interest rates and related costs and charges associated with governmental borrowing for environmental infrastructure, schools, roads and other major capital cost items.

Specifically, the bill made the necessary changes in the Maine Municipal Bond Bank laws to enable the bank to operate:

1. A revolving loan fund for clean drinking water;
2. A municipal bond insurance program for credit enhancement of debt issue by governmental entities; and
3. A municipal lease financing program to assist municipalities in obtaining lower cost lease financing for major items that may be prudent to lease rather than purchase, including but not limited to computer systems, portable classrooms or telephone systems.

Committee Amendment "A" made changes in the water revolving loan fund proposed in the original bill. The term "water utility" replaced "municipality" throughout the amendment so that private water utilities were also eligible to borrow from the fund. The name of the fund was changed to the "safe drinking water revolving loan fund" and the bank was authorized to accept money from the Maine Public Utilities Financing Bank. The amendment added a provision that permits the bank to accept agreements or instruments other than municipal bonds when determining whether to loan funds to a municipality, an explanation in the appropriation section of the bill and a fiscal note.

LD 898

An Act to Provide Funds for the Purchase of a Fire Truck

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have appropriated state funds for a fire truck for the City of Augusta. A committee compromise on LD 594 addressed the more general issue of whether the state should assume some of the City of Augusta's costs.