

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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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 1240**

**An Act Regarding the Authority of Cumberland County to Take Land by Eminent Domain**

**P & S 3  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MANNING	OTP	
LARRIVEE		
JOSEPH		
BERUBE		

**SUMMARY**

This bill extended to April 10, 1992 the period during which Cumberland County may acquire real property by eminent domain for the location of a jail facility.

**LD 1266**

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Ensure Proper Oversight of State Spending**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
PEARSON	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposed a referendum to amend the Constitution of Maine to grant the Legislature the authority to exercise continuing financial oversight powers and to delegate them to a joint standing committee. Financial orders or other actions that vary the terms of an enacted appropriation would require the prior approval of the committee. This was a companion measure to LD 1267, which would have enacted the necessary statutory changes if voters ratified this LD.

**LD 1273**

**An Act to Require the Holding of Hearings under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act**

**INDEF PP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
FARREN	OTP-AM	H-322
COLLINS		
TOWNSEND		
ANDERSON		

**SUMMARY**

The original would have bill required agencies to hold adjudicatory hearings on rules at times convenient to the public and at locations throughout the State if the rule has statewide impact.

Committee Amendment "A" removed the hearing requirements in the bill dealing with adjudicatory hearings and placed them in the section of the law relevant to public hearings regarding proposed agency rules. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.