

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

**An Act to Restrict Unsolicited Computer-generated or Automated Telephone Calls**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
SPEAR	OTP-AM	H-261
SUMMERS		
RICHARDSON		
ADAMS		

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits users of automated telephone calling devices from dialing the telephone numbers of telephone utility customers who have notified the utility of the customer's desire not to receive such calls. The committee amendment (H-261) forbids telephone utilities from charging a fee for any action taken by the utility in response to a customer's request not to receive automated telephone calls.

**LD 1419 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Gray Water District****P & S 15  
EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CARROLL D	OTP-AM	H-260
RICH		H-419 CARROLL D

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the Gray Water District charter. As clarified by the committee amendment (H-260), the bill provides that a district trustee's term continues until the trustee's successor is elected and changes the time when a trustee's election must be held from the day of the annual town meeting to the day of the annual municipal election. The House amendment (H-419) makes the provision relating to the continuation of the trustee's terms retroactive.

**LD 1425 An Act to Provide Affordable Electric Service for Low-income Citizens of the State****ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
OLIVER	ONTP	
HOLT		
ADAMS		
CONLEY		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Public Utilities Commission to adopt programs designed to alleviate the burdens of electric rates on the State's low-income citizens.