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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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.

An Act to Amend the Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission and the Northern Regional Planning Commission Charter

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COMMITTEE REPORT
 OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
 S-270

SUMMARY

The bill made changes in the Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission and Northern Regional Planning Commission charters. It authorized the merger of the Northern Regional Planning Commission and the Northern Maine Regional Commission under one name, "The Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission, Inc." and broadened the purpose of the commission. The bill also made changes necessary to meet economic development administration guidelines and the guidelines for nonprofit corporations issued by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

The bill made the changes to the executive board which:

- A. Increased the rule making authority of the executive board;
- B. Clarified the residency requirements for unorganized township representatives and it removed the requirement that the chair and vice-chair be elected officials;
- D. Made executive board members responsible for notifying alternate members their attendance is required and authorized the replacement of executive board members who missed 4 consecutive executive board meetings without just cause; and
- E. Allowed the executive director to group communities into several subdistricts and reduced the power given to standing committees.

The bill also:

- A. Changed the planning commission districts to correspond with county commissioner districts in Aroostook County;
- B. Required that the 2 annual overall board meetings must be held in the months of May and November; and
- C. Removed charter language that was adequately covered in Public Law 1989, chapter 89, section 10.

Committee Amendment "A" added an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill. It also removed new text from a section of the original Charter for the Northern Regional Planning Commission and the Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission and deleted a subsection of the charter that was redundant.

LD 1566 An Act Concerning Citizen Initiative**ONTP**

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COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required municipal officers to permit a local initiative process to be completed before taking separate action on similar subject matter.