

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 2280**

**An Act to Authorize a Bond Issue of \$300,000 to Expand the Sagadahoc County Courthouse to Include Detention Facilities**

P & S 93  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**

COLES  
CAHILL P  
HOLT  
SMALL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-1063

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorized the Sagadahoc County commissioners to seek approval from county voters to raise \$300,000 for construction of a detention facility at the Sagadahoc County Courthouse.

Committee amendment A (H-1063) advanced the authorized date of initial bond repayment from 1994 to 1993 and lengthened the time period allowed between the passage of the bill and the referendum. It also added a new section exempting the county request from the statutory requirement for the state to fund municipal mandates.

**LD 2292**

**An Act Concerning the Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement**

PUBLIC 841

**SPONSOR(S)**

CARROLL D  
TRACY  
BAILEY H  
LOOK

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

H-1106 MAJ REP  
H-1186 CARROLL D  
H-1282 JOSEPH  
S-739 BERUBE

**SUMMARY**

This bill eliminated the Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement and replaced it with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, which is established as a division of the State Police.

The majority Committee amendment A (H-1106) was the result of negotiations between the bill sponsors, representatives of the Department of Public Safety and county sheriffs, with final input from the committee. It retained the name change from the original bill, but kept the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency established within the Department of Public Safety. Changes were also made in the membership of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board and confidentiality provisions. The amendment required that the director of the agency be confirmed by the Legislature. It also required that the Attorney General develop a protocol to govern the selection of the state or federal court system for the prosecution of drug cases investigated by the agency.

House amendment A to Committee amendment A (H-1186) clarified the appointment process for the advisory board and other language in the bill.

House amendment A (H-1282) struck the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill.

Senate amendment A (S-739) changed the way in which the Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency was selected and removed the requirement for legislative confirmation.