

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>	
BEGLEY	ONTP	MAJ	H-500	JOSEPH
	OTP-AM	MIN	S-116	

**SUMMARY**

Currently most counties are authorized to establish contingent accounts up to \$50,000 that may be used by the county commissioners for emergency purposes. This bill limits contingency accounts to \$100,000.

The committee amendment (S-116) authorizes counties to raise the limit on the contingent account to \$100,000 and changes the approval process for use of additional funds in the account if it does so. The amendment requires that all expenditures from the contingent account in excess of the previous \$50,000 limit must be approved by majority vote of the legislative delegation or the county budget or finance committee.

The House amendment (H-500) deletes a requirement for approval by the county legislative delegation because it creates a problem with the delegation of legislative authority.

**LD 858 An Act to Reestablish a Portion of the Boundary between Lincoln and Kennebec Counties**

P &amp; S 15

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BEGLEY	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill describes the location of a portion of the common boundary between Lincoln County and Kennebec County.

**LD 865 An Act to Establish the Town Line between Vassalboro and China**

P &amp; S 19

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MITCHELL E BUSTIN	OTP-AM	H-165

**SUMMARY**

This bill describes the location of the common boundary between the Town of Vassalboro and the Town of China.

The committee amendment (H-165) corrects an erroneous reference to Route 32 in the boundary description and adds a reference to the survey plan on which the boundary line is addressed.

**LD 881 An Act Regarding Lobbying**DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	S-183