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**STATE OF MAINE
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 & 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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LD 1339 An Act to Allow for the Recall of Municipal Officials

PUBLIC 369

SPONSOR(S)
SIMONEAU**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-527**SUMMARY**

This bill provides for citizen recall of elected municipal officials for malfeasance, misfeasance or violation of oath while in office. A petition setting forth the complaint must be signed by 35% of the total number of votes cast for that office in the preceding election. An election must be held within 30 days of verification of the petition.

The committee amendment (H-527) replaces the original bill. The amendment deletes from law the requirement that municipalities must have charters in order to provide for the recall of their municipal officers such as selectmen and councilors. Municipalities are thus free to use their home rule powers to establish recall provisions by ordinance, which is an easier procedure than adopting a charter.

LD 1343 Resolve, to Clear Title to Land Owned by James Mercier in Unity, Maine

RESOLVE 24

SPONSOR(S)
GOULD R R
CLEMENT**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
S-174**SUMMARY**

This resolve authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to convey the State's interest in land in Unity to James Mercier.

The committee amendment (S-174) requires James Mercier to pay \$250 to the State to cover the costs associated with the transfer of interest in the land in Unity and to be responsible for the preparation of the transfer documents. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

LD 1350 An Act to Provide for the Recall of the Governor, State Senators and State Representatives

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
COFFMAN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill provides for citizen recall of the Governor, a State Senator or a State Representative for misfeasance, malfeasance or violation of oath while in office by a petition signed by a number of qualified voters equal to 35% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates in the preceding gubernatorial election or Senate or House District election.

LD 1360 An Act to Clarify the Powers and Duties of Municipal Officials of the New Town of Long IslandP & S 46
EMERGENCY**SPONSOR(S)**
RAND**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-624 JOSEPH