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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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**LD 1340 An Act to Amend the Selection Process for the Administration of the Mexico Water District**

P & S 30

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

**SUMMARY**

The bill amends the Mexico Water District charter by allowing the trustees to appoint an administrator for an indefinite period of time instead of on an annual basis.

**LD 1352 An Act to Abolish the Castine Water District**

P & S 43

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GRAY	OTP-AM	H-344
GOULD R R		H-455 GRAY

**SUMMARY**

This bill terminates the Castine Water District and allows the Town of Castine to acquire the assets and liabilities of the Castine Water District upon voter approval by the inhabitants of the Town of Castine and a ratification vote by the Trustees of the Castine Water District.

The committee amendment (H-344) added a mandate preamble to the bill.

The House amendment (H-455) removes the mandate preamble and provides that putting the bill out to referendum is optional. The bill will only become effective if a referendum is held and approved.

**LD 1356 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Plymouth Water District**

P & S 31

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TARDY	OTP-AM	H-342

**SUMMARY**

The bill amends the Charter of the Plymouth Water District to provide that the district is obligated to supply water for only the 47 residences identified in an agreement between the district trustees and the Department of Environmental Protection.

The bill proposed to require that an annual meeting be held the 2nd Monday in October to elect officers.

The committee amendment (H-342) permits the trustees to establish in bylaws the date of the annual meeting.

**LD 1406 An Act Pertaining to Pole Attachment Rate Disputes**

CARRIED OVER

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to transfer the jurisdiction for settling pole attachment rate disputes from the Public Utilities Commission to the Federal Communications Commission.

**LD 1417     An Act Allowing the Town of Pittsfield to Obtain Water from the Town of Burnham** INDEF PP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
CIANCHETTE                      OTP-AM

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to allow the Pittsfield Water District to take water from any lake or pond located in the Town of Burnham.

**LD 1419     An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Emergency 911** CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
VOSE

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to establish the Emergency Services Communication Agency within the Department of Public Safety to implement and manage the statewide E-9-1-1 system. The bill also proposes to require telephone utilities to provide necessary features to implement E-9-1-1 and to levy surcharges on telephone exchange lines for additional funding of the system. The bill proposes to address the location of public safety answering points, to make certain information confidential and to limit the liability of telephone utilities in providing technical services and information for the E-9-1-1 system.

The bill also proposes to repeal certain provisions of the law relating to E-9-1-1 capacity and the establishment of the statewide E-9-1-1 system.

In addition, the bill proposes to make certain appropriations for the establishment of the Emergency Services Communication Agency and amends Public Law 1987, chapter 840 to allow for the issuance of bonds until January 1, 1997 for partial funding of the E-9-1-1 system.

**LD 1475     An Act to Deregulate Consumer-owned Water Utilities** CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
VOSE

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to deregulate consumer-owned water utilities.

**LD 1482     An Act to Improve the Business Climate in the State by Making Power Available at a Lower Rate** CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
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