

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CASHMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill was carried forward from the 1st Regular Session.

The bill proposed to eliminate Public Utilities Commission jurisdiction over cable TV pole attachment rate disputes, thus transferring, by default, jurisdiction to the Federal Communications Commission. The commission is required under existing law to adopt specific rules governing the settling of these disputes. The commission has adopted such rules (Chapter 880, effective 10/27/93).

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

PUBLIC 566

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VOSE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-452

**SUMMARY**

This bill was carried forward from the 1st Regular Session.

The bill proposed to establish the Emergency Services Communication Agency within the Department of Public Safety to implement and manage the statewide E-9-1-1 system.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-452) replaces the bill. The amendment establishes the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Department of Public Safety. Working with the E-9-1-1 Council, the bureau is directed to estimate costs and develop the system design and performance standards necessary for implementation and management of the statewide E-9-1-1 system. The amendment also directs the bureau and council to make recommendations for the specific location of public safety answering points and makes certain information confidential. The bureau is further directed to report back to the Legislature with recommendations on these subjects.

The amendment requires telephone utilities to levy a surcharge of 2¢ per month on telephone exchange lines to fund the initial phase of system design.

The amendment also repeals outdated provisions of the law relating to E-9-1-1 capability requirements of municipalities and the establishment of the statewide E-9-1-1 system.

In addition, the amendment makes the allocation necessary for the establishment of the Emergency Services Communication Bureau. This allocation will complement expenditures of bond revenues on technical aspects of system design, data base development and municipal technical assistance in data collection.

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

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VOSE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill was carried forward from the 1st Regular Session.

Deregulating consumer-owned water utilities was one of the recommendations of the Commission on Governmental Restructuring. The recommendation appeared in the 2nd Regular Session of the 115th Legislature in L.D. 2330, Part G. It was not enacted.