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**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&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 1402 An Act to Establish the Penobscot County Budget Advisory Committee **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

SPONSOR(S) CASHMAN	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-482
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SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Penobscot County Budget Advisory Committee.

LD 1403 An Act to Provide Access to Landlocked Property **DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

SPONSOR(S) BENNETT	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-529 H-646 BENNETT
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SUMMARY

This bill allows owners of land to petition the county commissioners, as they are allowed to petition the municipal officers of a municipality, to lay out a public easement, formerly a private way, to provide access to that property. The petitioner or petitioners who would benefit by accessibility to their property are made responsible for the costs and damages assessed for the laying out of the way.

LD 1404 An Act to Allow the Town of Berwick to Rebuild Certain Private Roads **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) MURPHY	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Town of Berwick to perform road work on private roads within subdivisions if 2/3 of the owners of property that abuts the road petition the town. This bill does not obligate the Town of Berwick to accept a road that the town improved; the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 304 would still apply.

LD 1408 An Act to Create a Body Politic and Corporate by the Name of Great Diamond Island Village Corporation **CARRIED OVER**

SPONSOR(S) ADAMS	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill allows Great Diamond Island to separate from the City of Portland and to incorporate as a village corporation within the Town of Long Island.

LD 1416 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee **PUBLIC 227 EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S) FOSTER	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED S-146
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SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the Hancock County commissioners must act on recommendations by December 15th of the budget year and provides that no more than one committee member from each municipality may serve at a time. The bill also removes from the law obsolete language concerning appointment dates.

The committee amendment (S-146) adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

LD 1421 An Act to Separate Cushings Island in Casco Bay from the City of Portland and to Create the Cushings Island Village Corporation as Part of the Town of Long Island CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY

SUMMARY

Subject to referenda, this bill authorizes the separation of Cushings Island from the City of Portland and allows the creation of the Cushings Island Village Corporation in the Town of Long Island.

LD 1425 An Act to Separate Little Diamond Island in Casco Bay from the City of Portland and to Create the Little Diamond Island Village Corporation as Part of the Town of Long Island CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY

SUMMARY

Subject to referenda, this bill authorizes the separation of Little Diamond Island from the City of Portland and allows the creation of the Little Diamond Island Village Corporation in the Town of Long Island.

LD 1427 An Act to Create the Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Policy Concerning Political Activity by Members of Various Boards and Commissions ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOSEPH ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill creates the Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Policy Concerning Political Activity by Members of Various Boards and Commissions.

LD 1429 Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study the Size of the Legislature CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOSEPH