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**STATE OF MAINE
116TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
UTILITIES**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

CARRIED OVER

ONTP

ENACTMENT FAILED

INDEF PP

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

Bill carried over to Second Session

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill failed to get majority vote

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

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 formed but unable to agree

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. 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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SUMMARY

This bill proposes to allow an electric utility and a business entity of 200 or more employees to negotiate rates for the purchase of electricity by the business entity without review by the Public Utilities Commission. The bill also proposes to provide that a utility may not charge a fee for the use of its facilities to transmit or wheel the electricity to the business entity purchaser.

LD 1483 An Act Regarding Cable Television

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
ADAMS

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill proposes to provide consumers with increased information concerning cable franchise owners and to prohibit a cable television system operator from providing private information about consumers to others.

The bill also proposes to instruct the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities to monitor federal regulations promulgated pursuant to the federal Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, and to authorize the committee to report legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature to take necessary state implementation actions.

LD 1484 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Water System

**P & S 38
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
HEINO

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-390

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies the power and authority of the Boothbay Harbor Water System to construct a water treatment, purification and filtration plant, to lay pipes and construct such other facilities or fixtures for the conveyance of wastewater to enable the operation of any such treatment or purification plant and to acquire property for the purpose of operating any such plant, conveying wastewater or constructing or installing any equipment incidental to these purposes.

In addition, this bill extends the territory within which the Boothbay Harbor Water System may operate to include the Town of Southport, Mouse Island and other adjacent islands.

Finally, this bill proposed to permit the water commissioners to appoint a new commissioner to complete the unexpired term of a commissioner who is unable to complete that term.

The committee amendment (H-390) makes the following changes to the bill:

1. Corrects a reference to the Boothbay Harbor Water System;
2. Clarifies a reference to Squirrel Island, which is a village corporation;
3. Provides that the annual election of commissioners is to be held in May, not March; and