

# 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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This amendment also adds a municipal mandate preamble, an emergency preamble, an emergency referendum clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1720**

**An Act to Encourage Innovation and Competitiveness by Electric Utilities**

PUBLIC 535

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CARPENTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-415

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to make confidential information which an electric utility determined to be competitively sensitive.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-415) strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies an ambiguity which may have existed in current law with regard to whether records placed under protective orders are public records within the meaning of the freedom of access laws. The amendment clarifies that information placed under protective order by the Public Utilities Commission falls within the existing exception to the definition of public records under the freedom of access law. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1747**

**An Act to Protect the Interests of the Town of Otis in Certain Ponds**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
FOSTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to amend the charter of the Bangor Water District to prohibit the district from taking by eminent domain any land in the Town of Otis.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-493), which was the minority report of the committee, proposed to require certain investigations of the district, to repeal the authority of the district to take water from sources in Otis and to require that certain contracts entered into by the district be approved by the Bangor City Council.

**LD 1760**

**An Act to Amend the Utility Location Permit Laws**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
SAXL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposed to make the following changes to law.

1. Permit licensing authorities to assess annual fees for use of the public way. The fee would have been capped and would have applied only to facilities installed or relocated after September 1, 1994. There would have been exemptions from the fee for governmental and consumer-owned entities. An exemption would also have been provided for public utilities that pay local property taxes on permitted facilities to a municipality or to a county.