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BILL SUMMARIES
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**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

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5581LHS

LD 1866

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Northport Village Corporation

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

LINDAHL
GOULD R R

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Northport Village Corporation to enact and enforce planning and land use regulation ordinances even though when the town of Northport, of which the village corporation is part, has not enacted a comprehensive plan.

LD 1867

An Act to Correct Certain Inconsistencies in the Laws Relating to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

PUBLIC 691

SPONSOR(S)

FARNSWORTH
BUSTIN

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-1026
S-585 BERUBE
S-646 PEARSON

SUMMARY

This bill addresses several errors and inconsistencies in the lobbyist disclosure laws that arose in Public Law 1993, chapter 446 enacted last year. In that chapter, Part A made substantive amendments to the lobbyist laws and Part B effected a transfer of functions and responsibilities concerning lobbyist registration, filing and reporting from the Secretary of State to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. There were, however, conflicts between the 2 Parts. This bill retains the substantive changes proposed in Part A but changes several references from the Secretary of State to the commission to implement the intent of Part B. The bill also corrects a conflict in the definition of "lobbyist" and corrects references to the term "lobbyist associate" as enacted by Part A, section 7. The bill clarifies that personnel hired to assist the commission are considered classified. The bill resolves a conflict where the fine for failure to file or report was assessed at \$100 in Part A and \$75 in Part B by maintaining the fine of \$100 and clarifies when the fine may be assessed. The bill also amends the law setting out the duties of the commission by adding the duty to administer the lobbyist disclosure laws.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-1026) retains the provisions of the original bill and makes several additional changes to the lobbyist registration laws for clarification purposes. The amendment specifies which state employees are required to register their lobbying activities and prescribes the filing process. The amendment corrects a flaw in the current law by establishing consistent definitions of lobbyist and lobbyist associate and providing for equal treatment of such individuals under the registration and reporting requirements, whether they are outside hired lobbyists or in-house lobbyist employees. The amendment clarifies the penalty provisions and adds an application section and a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-585) clarifies that only those state or independent agency employees who meet certain criteria are required to register as lobbyists.

SENATE AMENDMENT "D" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-646) provides for the payment of registration fees for lobbyists and lobbyist associates for fiscal year 1994-95 so as not to impact the General Fund. The amendment requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by April 1, 1995. The amendment also replaces the fiscal note.