

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE  
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AUGUST 1995**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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**LD 563****An Act to Require Local and Employee Participation in the Inspection of the Design of State-funded Buildings**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PINGREE**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill creates a local review committee that incorporates a public participation process in which local governmental bodies and the public have an opportunity to comment on certain public improvements.

**LD 576****An Act to Facilitate the Use of the Installment Method for the Collection of Sewer Assessments and Charges**

PUBLIC 91

**SPONSOR(S)**  
SPEAR**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-83**SUMMARY**

This bill makes it easier for municipalities to use the installment method for the collection of various sewer assessments and charges by eliminating the requirement that the legislative body first enact an ordinance authorizing the practice. In many towns, it is not practical to call a town meeting prior to the collection of the expenses related to the repair of a malfunctioning septic system or the costs of the construction of a sewer. This bill permits the municipality to provide for the installment method of payment on the order of the municipal officers.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-83) makes the rate of interest on unpaid assessments and charges the same rate established for delinquent taxes.

**LD 590****An Act to Clarify Law Enforcement Relating to Junkyards and Automobile Graveyards**

PUBLIC 58

**SPONSOR(S)**  
KILKELLY**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-75**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that municipalities that do not have a local junkyard and automobile graveyard ordinance may enforce the state junkyard and automobile graveyard laws under this enforcement section. It also adds automobile salvage businesses to the list of businesses affected.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-75) replaces the original bill and removes reference to automobile salvage yards, which are covered elsewhere in the statutes. The amendment also adds automobile recycling businesses for consistency with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 183. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 598****An Act to Establish Landowner Recognition Day**

PUBLIC 142

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HALL**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-66**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Landowner Recognition Day on the 3rd Saturday in September.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-66) adds a fiscal note.