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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH 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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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.

5581LHS

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the budget for municipal services in the unorganized territory of Somerset County is included under the jurisdiction of the Somerset County Budget Committee. The bill also provides that, beginning in 1996, the Somerset County legislative delegation shall select the members of the delegation to serve on the Somerset County Budget Committee by December 1st every other year.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-300) strikes from the bill provisions relating to approval of the municipal services budget for unorganized territories in Somerset County.

LD 1165 An Act to Incorporate the Town of Biddeford Pool ONTP

SPONSOR(S) JOYCE
COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Part A of this bill authorizes the incorporation of the Town of Biddeford Pool if the legal residents of Biddeford Pool approve, by referendum, separation from the City of Biddeford and incorporation as a separate town.

Part B of this bill requires the parties to negotiate matters of duties and responsibilities in advance of a vote approving the question presented at the referendum election. If the parties fail to agree in a timely fashion, the matters are subject to binding arbitration.

LD 1169 An Act to Allow for the Adjustment of Grant Issuance Procedures ONTP

SPONSOR(S) MAYO
COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires agencies administering grants to amend their procedures to ensure the flexibility to award grants or continue performance of severable projects or programs, even when one of multiple grantees or contractors can not perform its grant program, provided minimum criteria for the grant award or performance can still be met.

LD 1179 Resolve, to Name a Mountain in the Town of Oxford RESOLVE 12

SPONSOR(S) UNDERWOOD
HANLEY
COMMITTEE REPORT OTP
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve names a mountain in the Town of Oxford.

LD 1185 An Act to Give the Washington County Legislative Delegation a Role in the County Budget Process CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) BUNKER
COMMITTEE REPORT
AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Under current law the Washington County budget is finalized by the county commissioners following input from the county budget advisory committee and the county legislative delegation. This bill requires the county commissioners to present budget recommendations to the county legislative delegation following input from the budget advisory committee. The legislative delegation has final authority for approval of the county budget. This bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 1192 An Act Concerning the Office of Geographic Information Systems

PUBLIC 152

SPONSOR(S)
VIGUE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Public Law 1993, chapter 410 transferred the funding and positions of the Office of Geographic Information Services from the Department of Conservation to the Division of Data Processing within the Bureau of Information Services. This bill removes the statutory language specific to the office from the Department of Conservation and reestablishes it, with minor revisions, within the Bureau of Information Services.

LD 1194 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Creating a Unicameral Legislature

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
LEMKE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolution proposes a Constitutional amendment to abolish the Senate and the House of Representatives and replaces them with a unicameral Legislature made up of 101 members. This reduction requires a reapportionment plan by the Legislature that convenes in December 2000, so that the Legislature elected in November 2002 is unicameral.

LD 1200 An Act to Establish Reciprocity in Determining the Lowest Responsible Bidder

PUBLIC 387

SPONSOR(S)
LONGLEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-213

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services or any department or agency of the State purchasing goods or services through competitive bidding to take into consideration the importance of hiring and training resident workers and documented attempts by a bidder to hire and train both men and women.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-213) replaces the original bill. The committee amendment directs the Director of the Bureau of General Services or any other state agency when determining the lowest bidder to increase the bid of a nonresident bidder by a percent equal to the percent, if any, of the preference given to that bidder in the state in which the bidder resides. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.