

# 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 1536 An Act to Clarify the Municipal Bounds of the Town of Eliot**

P & S 33  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LAWRENCE MARSHALL	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to clarify and confirm that the Town of Eliot's municipal jurisdiction extends to and includes those lands located within the Piscataqua River immediately adjacent to the Town of Eliot and to further clarify that the town's jurisdictional bounds along the Piscataqua River and its tributaries are consistent and conterminous with the southern boundary of the State of Maine as settled by the decree issued by the United States Supreme Court in the case State of New Hampshire v. State of Maine, 434 U.S. 1 (1977).

**LD 1541 Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Piscataquis County for the Year 1995**

RESOLVE 31

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ROSEBUSH		

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this resolve which was reported by the committee pursuant to joint order is for laying of the county taxes and authorizing expenditures of Piscataquis County for the year 1995.

**LD 1542 Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Penobscot County for the Year 1995**

RESOLVE 32

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ROSEBUSH		

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this resolve which was reported by the committee pursuant to joint order is for the laying of the county taxes and authorizing expenditures of Penobscot County for the year 1995.

**LD 1566 An Act to Reform the Kennebec County Budget Process**

CARRIED OVER

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MITCHELL EH		

**SUMMARY**

This bill has been carried over to the second regular session. The bill changes the budget process in Kennebec County by removing the requirement that the budget be submitted to the Legislature for approval and by allowing the county commissioners to change the budget submitted by the budget advisory committee, but only by a unanimous vote. The bill also changes the terms of the Kennebec County commissioners to unstagged 2-year terms. The bill also requires tax bills issued in Kennebec County to state the portion of taxes being raised by the municipality for Kennebec County and identifies the Kennebec County commissioners.