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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.

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LD 1570 An Act to Establish a User Fee System for Towns Requiring Sheriff's Services

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)

OTT

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill has been carried over to the second regular session. The bill makes the following changes to laws regarding the cost of county government.

1. It permits county commissioners to charge user fees to municipalities for the cost of law enforcement functions.
2. It provides that if the county commissioners of York County assess such user fees, then the municipalities that use law enforcement functions must pay 60% of the cost to the county for providing these functions, apportioned among these municipalities on a per-capita basis and the balance must be funded by the general county tax on all municipalities.
3. It clarifies that existing law permits county commissioners to assess a municipality for communications services related to dispatching county police services in that municipality.
4. It gives county commissioners authority to assess a municipality a fee for the capital costs of communications equipment.
5. It gives the county commissioners of York County authority to collect from a municipality fees for booking and pretrial detention costs at the county jail for arrestees from that municipality.
6. It allows a municipality to recover these booking and pretrial detention costs from the arrested person if that person is convicted of any criminal offense related to the arrest. The bill provides that the sentencing court shall assess as part of the sentence a reimbursement fee to cover a municipality's costs under this bill unless the court determines that the person does not have the ability to pay. It also provides that if a person is assessed this fee and does not pay, that person's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle in this State must be suspended.

LD 1571 An Act to Establish Legislative Guidelines for Secession

PUBLIC 377

SPONSOR(S)

CARPENTER

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill which was reported by the committee pursuant to joint order establishes guidelines that the Legislature may use in making a determination on legislation regarding the secession of a territory from an existing municipal government.

LD 1574 Resolve, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Property in Connor

RESOLVE 37

SPONSOR(S)

SIROIS

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve which was introduced without reference to committee authorizes the sale of state-owned property known as the Thibodeau School Lot to adjacent property owners for the purpose of installing a leach field. The Department of Education has no use for the property and has transferred it to the Bureau of General Services for disposal subject to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 3302-A.

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-289) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1579 **Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Androscoggin County for the Year 1995** RESOLVE 44

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
SAXL

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 Androscoggin County for the year 1995.

LD 1580 **Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 1995** RESOLVE 57

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
SAXL

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 Kennebec County for the year 1995.

LD 1586 **Revise the Salaries of Certain County Officers** PUBLIC 500

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

SUMMARY

This bill which was reported by the committee pursuant to joint order amends the 1995 salaries of county officers.