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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
June 1996

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are 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 finally passed 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>

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 4, 1996.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 69 establishes a new boundary between the Town of Hiram and the Town of Brownfield by transferring to the Town of Hiram a portion of land and all of the Notch Road that extends through the Town of Brownfield. The transfer is effective upon approval of the voters of the Town of Brownfield.

LD 1840 **Resolve, for Laying the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Piscataquis County for the Year 1996** RESOLVE 66
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
OTP

LD 1840 proposed to authorize the laying of the county taxes and expenditures of Piscataquis County government for the year 1996.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1995, chapter 66 authorizes the laying of county taxes and expenditures of Piscataquis County government for the year 1996 and was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 1996.

LD 1844 **An Act Authorizing County Commissioners to Enact Ordinances Concerning Addressing Standards for Enhanced 9-1-1 Services in the Unorganized Territories** PUBLIC 607
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
AMERO OTP
DONNELLY

In order to provide enhanced 9-1-1 emergency telephone services in the unorganized territories, the county commissioners must assign and maintain physical addresses. The Attorney General has expressed the opinion that this does not constitute a "service" within the meaning of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 7501, subsection 6. LD 1844 proposed to provide specific statutory authority to permit the county commissioners to enact an ordinance to establish standards for assigning and maintaining physical addresses for the purpose of enhanced 9-1-1 service in the unorganized territories.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1995, chapter 607 provides specific statutory authority to permit the county commissioners to enact an ordinance to establish standards for assigning and maintaining physical addresses for the purpose of enhanced 9-1-1 service in the unorganized territories. The law was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 2, 1996.

LD 1845 **Resolve, for Laying the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Penobscot County for the Year 1996** RESOLVE 67
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
OTP

LD 1845 proposed to authorize the laying of the county taxes and expenditures of Penobscot County government for the year 1996.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1995, chapter 67 authorizes the laying of county taxes and expenditures of Penobscot County government for the year 1996 and was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 28, 1996.

**LD 1859 An Act to Authorize the Disposition of Property Interests
at the Pineland Center**

P & S 79

Sponsor(s)
BUTLAND

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-528
S-585

LD 1859 proposed to provide for the disposition of property interests in Pineland Center. The bill would have created the Pineland Conversion Committee, which would have had the authority to enter into agreements for the sale or lease of Pineland Center.

If the Pineland Conversion Committee did not enter into a contract for the sale or lease of substantially all of the state property, the Governor would have appointed members to the Pineland Development Authority, which would have the authority to manage the property in the name of the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-528) proposed to make a technical change to the bill. It also would have provided that affirmative votes of the Pineland Conversion Committee and the Pineland Development Authority must include one and two votes, respectively, of local members, clarifies that future private uses of the property are subject to local zoning ordinances, required that offers pursuant to section 12 of the bill must be in writing and clarified that the purposes of special utility districts under section 13, subsection 5 of the bill are not exclusive. The amendment also would have added an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-585) proposed to delete the appropriation section since the 1996-1997 supplemental budget, L.D. 1759, as amended, includes funding for this same purpose.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 79 creates the Pineland Conversion Committee, which has the authority to enter into agreements for the sale or lease of Pineland Center.

If the Pineland Conversion Committee does not enter into a contract for the sale or lease of substantially all of the state property, the Governor shall appoint members to the Pineland Development Authority, which will have the authority to manage the property in the name of the State as provided in the law.