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**STATE OF MAINE  
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**JULY 1997**

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees  
August 1997**

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. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

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:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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***Enacted law summary***

Resolves 1997, chapter 40 allows the Town of Southwest Harbor to issue and sell its temporary general obligation bond anticipation notes in a principal amount not to exceed \$800,000 for an additional two-year period. Resolve chapter 40 was passed as an emergency measure effective May 28, 1997.

**LD 1845**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Legal Notices**

**PUBLIC 405**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	H-519

LD 1845 proposed to repeal the requirement that, to be qualified as a medium for the publication of legal notices required by law to be published in a newspaper, a newspaper must be published and printed in whole or in part in this State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-519)** proposed to remove the requirement that entry of the newspaper as second class mail be made at a post office in this State.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1997, chapter 405 repeals the requirement that, to be qualified as a medium for the publication of legal notices required by law to be published in a newspaper, the newspaper be published and printed in whole or in part in this State and be mailed within the State.

**LD 1850**

**An Act to Allow the Town of Chester to Annex a Certain Parcel of Land**

**P & S 55**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-296 S-364 MICHAUD

LD 1850 proposed to allow the Town of Chester to annex land located in part of Township 2, Range 8, NWP in Penobscot County.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-296)** proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-364)** proposed to add a mandate preamble to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 55 allows the Town of Chester to annex certain land located in Township 2, Range 8, NWP in Penobscot County.