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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

JULY 1999

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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).

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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
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 September 18, 1999.

Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

LD 64

An Act to Amend the Mexico Water District Charter

**P & S 5
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT FERGUSON	OTP-AM	H-60

LD 64 proposed to change the beginning of the term of office of the trustees of the Mexico Water District from the first Monday in April to July 1st to coincide with the current fiscal year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-60) proposed to make certain clarifications in the language of the bill and provide transition language to accomplish the change of the beginning date for the terms of office of the trustees of the Mexico Water District. It also proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 5 changes the beginning of the term of office of the trustees of the Mexico Water District from the first Monday in April to July 1st to coincide with the current fiscal year.

Chapter 5 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 1999.

LD 105

An Act to Clarify Great Northern Paper, Inc.'s Status to Furnish Electricity

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK CAREY		

LD 105 proposes to repeal the law passed at the end of the 118th Legislature that allows Great Northern Paper, Inc. to continue to furnish electricity to and from its Millinocket facilities without being considered an electric utility.

LD 109

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Mars Hill Utility District

**P & S 4
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND PARADIS	OTP-AM	H-59

LD 109 proposed to amend the boundaries of the Mars Hill Utility District to encompass the entire Town of Blaine upon approval at referendum.