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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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](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  
*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.

**LD 93****An Act Requiring Interim Annual Budgets for Municipalities****ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MURPHY E          | ONTP                    |                           |

LD 93 proposed to require the continued operation of a municipal government by means of an interim budget in the event that a public vote in that municipality does not result in the adoption of an annual budget. The interim budget could not exceed the previous year's budget and would be replaced by the annual budget if and when that budget is finally approved by voters of the municipality.

**LD 98****An Act to Observe Daylight Savings Time Year-round****ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| POVICH            | ONTP                    |                           |

LD 98 proposed to change the standard time in Maine to one hour earlier than Eastern Standard Time. This translates into the observation of Daylight Savings Time year-round. Federal law (15 USC Sec. 260a) prevents states from making any changes in the timing or changeover dates for Daylight Savings Time.

**LD 127****An Act to Terminate the Authority of the Governmental Facilities Authority****DIED IN CONCURRENCE**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| KIEFFER           | ONTP MAJ<br>OTP-AM MIN  |                           |

LD 127 proposed to terminate the authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to exercise its powers and duties beyond the effective date of the bill except for those projects for which securities have already been issued.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-146)** was the minority report, which was not adopted. It proposed to replace the original bill and to clarify the intent of the original bill that the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority be prohibited from undertaking new projects or financing projects other than those approved by the Legislature prior to January 1, 1999. The amendment also proposed to enable the authority to carry out its responsibilities for current projects and outstanding debt on those projects.

**LD 139****An Act Authorizing County Commissioners to Enact Animal Control Ordinances in Unorganized Territories****PUBLIC 106**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>    | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| AHEARNE<br>PENDLETON | OTP-AM MAJ<br>ONTP MIN  | H-145                     |

LD 139 proposed to authorize county commissioners of each county to adopt animal control and noise ordinances within unorganized territory in their county.