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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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](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 1364****An Act to Provide for the Collection of Storm Water in the City of  
Hallowell****P & S 15**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER TREAT	OTP-AM	H-211

LD 1364 proposed to transfer the ownership of and responsibility for the Hallowell storm-water system from the Hallowell Water District to the City of Hallowell.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-211)** proposed to amend the bill to allow, but not require, the Hallowell Water District to transfer, with the consent of the City of Hallowell, the public storm-water drains to the City of Hallowell.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 15 allows, but does not require, the Hallowell Water District to transfer, with the consent of the City of Hallowell, the public storm-water drains to the City of Hallowell.

**LD 1391****An Act to Amend the Charter of the Dover-Foxcroft Water District****P & S 27  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROSS DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-242 H-521 DAVIDSON

LD 1391 proposed to amend the charter of the Dover-Foxcroft Water District. It proposed to transfer the responsibilities for the fire department to the town of Dover-Foxcroft and to remove the district's authority to tax for the capitalization and operation of the fire department.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-242)** proposed to make further corrections to the charter of the Dover and Foxcroft Water District in order to bring the entire charter in conformity with the changes proposed by the bill. This amendment also proposed to make the bill emergency legislation and to add a referendum clause.

**House Amendment "A" (H-521)** proposed to remove further language from the charter relating to actions arising from the responsibilities of the district in its operation of the fire department.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 27 transfers the responsibilities for the fire department from the Dover-Foxcroft Water District to the town of Dover-Foxcroft and removes the district's authority to tax for the capitalization and operation of the fire department. The law removes from the Dover-Foxcroft Water District charter all references to fire-department responsibilities. These changes are subject to referendum approval in the district.

Chapter 27 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 24, 1999.