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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 1797**

**An Act to Amend the Charter of the Waterville Sewerage District**

**P & S 13**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAREY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-103
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LD 1797 proposed to amend the charter of the Waterville Sewerage District by repealing and replacing the first paragraph of section 7 of the charter to correct a conflict that was created by Private and Special Law 1985, chapter 99, section 6.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-103)** proposed to clarify that the commissioners may receive up to \$20 as compensation for attendance at each regular or special meeting.

*Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 13 amends the charter of the Waterville Sewerage District to correct a conflict and to clarify that the commissioners may receive up to \$20 as compensation for attendance at each regular or special meeting.

**LD 1810**

**An Act to Protect the Drinking Water Supply of the Portland Water District**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MUSE	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1810 proposes to close the existing boat-launching ramp in Standish and replace it with a new boat-launching ramp, also in Standish, at a location selected by the Portland Water District. The bill proposes to provide that land and funding for the new boat-launching ramp be provided by the Portland Water District. This bill and LD 1464 were held over to allow the district, the Town of Standish and State agencies to work out a mutually acceptable approach to the issues raised by the bills.

**LD 1915**

**An Act to Amend Assessment Provisions Within the Charter of the Kennebunk Sewer District**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MURPHY T LAFOUNTAIN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1915 proposed to amend the charter of the Kennebunk Sewer District by allowing that district to levy assessments against lots or parcels of land benefited by newly constructed sewers.