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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

**JULY 2000**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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  
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 66 revises the charter of the Madawaska Water District to delete references to a section of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A that has been repealed and clarifies the procedures under which the district may establish a higher debt limit and issue its notes and bonds.

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 66 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 15, 2000.

**LD 2355**

**An Act to Repeal Certain Archaic and Unenforced Laws Related to the Duties of the Secretary of State**

**PUBLIC 581**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KONTOS O'NEAL	OTP-AM	S-529

LD 2355 proposed to eliminate the registration requirements associated with automated telephone solicitation, and the requirement of filing with the Secretary of State cable television franchise agreements and certain labor determinations of wages and benefits.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-529)** proposed to strike those sections of the bill that would have eliminated registration requirements for automated telephone solicitation. This registration requirement was dealt with separately in LD 2591.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 581 eliminates the requirement that cable television franchise agreements and certain determinations of wages and benefits be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State; these records will continue to be filed elsewhere, pursuant to other provisions of law.

**LD 2389**

**An Act to Facilitate the Implementation of the E-9-1-1 System**

**PUBLIC 651  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KONTOS	OTP-AM	S-560

LD 2389 proposed:

1. to retroactively repeal the sunset of the E-911 surcharge;
2. to allow a public safety agency to listen to an audio recording of an E-9-1-1 telephone call for the purpose of investigating allegations of misconduct against the agency or its employees;