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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).

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
ONT P..... 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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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MURPHY T LAFOUNTAIN	OTP	

LD 2592 proposed to amend the charter of the Kennebunk Sewer District to authorize the district to provide sewer service outside the territory of the district to school buildings and facilities owned by Maine School Administrative District No. 71 and municipal buildings and facilities owned by the Town of Kennebunk.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 74 amends the charter of the Kennebunk Sewer District by authorizing the Kennebunk Sewer District to provide sewer service outside the territory of the sewer district to school buildings and facilities owned by Maine School Administrative District No. 71 and municipal buildings and facilities owned by the Town of Kennebunk.

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 74 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2000, subject to approval in a district referendum.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOOLEY BENOIT	OTP-AM	H-959

LD 2620 proposed to amend the charter of the Farmington Falls Standard Water District by changing the number of trustees from 3 to 5 and balancing the distribution of the trustees between the Town of Farmington and the Town of Chesterville.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-959) proposed to add a mandate preamble, an emergency preamble, an emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 80 amends the charter of the Farmington Falls Standard Water District by changing the number of trustees from 3 to 5 and balancing the distribution of the trustees between the Town of Farmington and the Town of Chesterville.

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 80 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2000.