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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
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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28. Regional Family Support Councils; and

29. Residential Treatment Center Advisory Group.

The law also strikes several statutory cross-references to the repealed boards and commissions. It also makes changes to the reporting date for boards or commissions to file annual reports with the Secretary of State and it repeals an outdated sunset provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 379. Public Law 1999, chapter 668 also makes minor changes to the auditing requirements for the Lobster Promotion Council and to the appointing requirements for the Board of Trustees, Mining Excise Tax Trust Fund.

LD 2677

An Act to Revise the Salaries of Certain Kennebec County Officers

**PUBLIC 662
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP MAJ	
	ONTP MIN	

LD 2677 was reported by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1822. LD 2677 proposed to increase the salaries of certain county officers in Kennebec County and would apply retroactively to January 1, 2000.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 662 increases the salaries of certain county officers in Kennebec County. It applies retroactively to January 1, 2000.

Public Law 1999, chapter 662 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2000.

LD 2678

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 2000

**RESOLVE 109
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP MAJ	
	ONTP MIN	

LD 2678 was reported by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1822. This resolve proposed to authorize the laying of the county taxes and to authorize expenditures of Kennebec County for the year 2000.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 109 authorizes the laying of the county taxes and authorizes expenditures of Kennebec County for the year 2000.

Resolve 1999, chapter 109 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2000.