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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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LD 2680, which was reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 316, section 12, proposed to amend a provision of law governing certain qualifying facility contracts affected by electric industry restructuring. Under this bill, the Public Utilities Commission would be given authority, within certain parameters, to establish contract rates based on the type of contract and the factual context.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 730 amends a provision of law governing certain qualifying facility contracts affected by electric industry restructuring. Under this law, the Public Utilities Commission is given authority, within certain parameters, to establish contract rates based on the type of contract and the factual context.

Public Law 1999, chapter 730 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2000.

**LD 2689**

**An Act to Allow the St. Agatha Sanitary District to be Dissolved and Combined with the Town of St. Agatha**

**P & S 86  
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MARTIN<br>PARADIS |                         |                           |

LD 2689 proposed to allow the St. Agatha Sanitary District to be dissolved and the Town of St. Agatha to take over the district's duties.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 86 allows the St. Agatha Sanitary District to be dissolved and the Town of St. Agatha to take over the district's duties.

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 86 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2000, subject to approval in a district referendum.

**SP 709**

**JOINT ORDER - Relative to Establishing the Task Force to Study the E-911 System**

**ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BENNETT           | ONTP                    |                           |

Joint Order SP 709, proposed to establish a task force to study the E-911 system.