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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Utilities and Energy*

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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:

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*
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

LD 24

An Act to Amend the Charter of the South Berwick Sewer District

P & S 2
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MURPHY E LEMONT	OTP-AM	H-9

LD 24 proposed to amend the territorial limits of the South Berwick Sewer District.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9) proposed to add an emergency preamble and clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 2 amends the territorial limits of the South Berwick Sewer District.

This law was enacted as an emergency measure effective on April 6, 2001.

LD 33

An Act to Lower In-state Phone Costs for Rural Maine

PUBLIC 106

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGLEY	OTP-AM	S-76

LD 33 proposed to require the Public Utilities Commission, on petition, to expand a basic service calling area that encompasses only a single exchange.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-76) proposed to replace the bill. This amendment:

1. proposed to allow 50 or more customers within a single-exchange basic service calling area to petition the Public Utilities Commission to expand that basic service calling area;
2. proposed to require the commission, upon receipt of the petition, to either expand the calling area or to explain why it is not expanding the calling area;
3. proposed to permit the commission to allow affected carriers to recover any costs associated with the expansion of the calling area; and
4. proposed to require the commission to adopt rules establishing standards for expanding single-exchange calling areas.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 106:

1. Allows 50 or more customers within a single-exchange basic service calling area to petition the Public Utilities Commission to expand that basic service calling area;
2. Requires the commission, upon receipt of the petition, to either expand the calling area or to explain why it is not expanding the calling area;
3. Permits the commission to allow affected carriers to recover any costs associated with the expansion of the calling area; and
4. Requires the commission no later than 30 days after the effective date of this Act to adopt rules establishing standards for expanding single-exchange calling areas.

LD 122

An Act to Revise the Hampden Water District Charter

P & S 5

Sponsor(s)
DUPREY

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-8

LD 122 proposed to amend the terms of the trustees of the Hampden Water District and to provide that the compensation of the trustees and the treasurer of the board of trustees will be determined by the board of trustees.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-8) proposed to make technical corrections to the bill, remove obsolete language and address some technical formatting issues in the Hampden Water District charter. The amendment also proposed to exempt the district from a provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A that would otherwise conflict with that portion of the bill that provides that the trustees of the district set their own salary.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 5 amends the terms of the trustees of the Hampden Water District and provides that compensation for the trustees and the treasurer of the board of trustees will be determined by the board of trustees.