

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
State and Local Government*

*August 2001*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

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](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:

*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 State and Local Government

**House Amendment "A" (H-52)**, which was not adopted, proposed to permit the Town of Frye Island to withdraw from School Administrative District 6 if it joined another school administrative unit. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 8 clarifies that the Town of Frye Island must remain in School Administrative District 6 following its separation from the Town of Standish, unless specifically authorized by the Legislature to withdraw from the district.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 8 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2001.

**LD 518**

**An Act to Promote Affordable Housing for the Elderly**

**PUBLIC 78**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEDWIN SAWYER	OTP-AM	H-89

LD 518 proposed to enable a municipality to appropriate funds and to issue general obligation bonds to provide municipally owned rental housing for the elderly. To accomplish this, the bill proposed to amend section 5726 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, which delineates the purposes for which municipalities may raise or appropriate money.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-89)** proposed to amend the bill by adding the facilitation of affordable housing as a purpose for which municipalities may raise and appropriate money.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 78 enables a municipality to appropriate funds and to issue general obligation bonds to provide municipally owned rental housing for the elderly and to facilitate the construction of affordable housing. To accomplish this, the law amends section 5726 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, which delineates the purposes for which municipalities may raise or appropriate money.

**LD 522**

**An Act to Hold Persons Incarcerated in County Jails Accountable  
for Certain Costs Associated with Their Incarceration**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LESSARD DAVIS P	ONTP	

LD 522 proposed to provide that a person booked by a county jail could be held liable for the cost of being processed by the jail. It also proposed to provide that a person incarcerated in a county jail may be held liable for the cost of board in the jail and may be required to pay a damage deposit.