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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).

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

LD 551

**An Act to Amend the Law Regarding the Maine Governmental
Facilities Authority**

**DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'BRIEN J		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 551, which was not referred to committee was ruled by the Speaker of the House to be improperly before the body and subsequently indefinitely postponed in the Senate. The bill proposed to require a 2/3 vote of approval in each House of the Legislature prior to the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority issuing securities to fund the construction, reconstruction, purchase or acquisition of facilities. The proposed changes would not have affected any project approved prior to the effective date of this bill. A similar bill, LD 1767, which proposed sending out for voter approval an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to require the 2/3 vote of both Houses of the Legislature for the MGFA to issue securities, was referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and resulted in a divided report. LD 1767 ultimately died between the bodies.

LD 562

**An Act to Allow Municipalities to Create Capital Improvement
Districts**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ANDREWS LEMONT		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 562 proposed to authorize municipalities to create a capital improvement district for the purpose of making an infrastructure improvement that primarily serves the property owners of the district. The bill proposed to establish the process for creating and operating such a district. It also proposed to establish the process for assessing costs of the improvement. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government voted to carry over the bill to the Second Regular Session pending a report from a subcommittee established to resolve issues raised during the public hearing and work sessions on the bill.

LD 568

**An Act to Improve Local Governmental Unit Access to Bulk
Purchasing**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MITCHELL C O'GARA		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 568 proposed to replicate in the Maine Municipal Bond Bank enabling statutes language from the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority Act that would allow local governments and nonprofit groups to obtain the savings associated with the bulk purchase of operational commodities, such as heating oil and other petroleum products.