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Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee
on
State and Local Government

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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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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.*

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 13 provides School Administrative District No. 16 an option period in which to negotiate the transfer of a parcel of state-owned property at the Stevens School in Hallowell as the site of a new elementary school. The proposed transfer also includes the Reed Auditorium at the Stevens School and adjacent buildings. In the event that the State does not transfer the property to the school district, the law authorizes the State to offer the land for sale at the appraised market value. The law is repealed 5 years after its effective date.

LD 866   **An Act to Amend the Budget Process for Sagadahoc County**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LESSARD	ONTP	

LD 866 proposed that the county commissioners of Sagadahoc County be required to submit any increase in the annual county budget of 10% or more over the previous year's budget to the voters for approval. This bill also proposed to prohibit including the cost of maintaining the Sagadahoc County public safety answering point as part of the overall county budget.

LD 899   **An Act to Expand the Laws Pertaining to Accessibility for Persons**   **ONTP**
          with Physical Disabilities

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GAGNE	ONTP	
GAGNON		

LD 899, as proposed, would have applied to new construction and major remodeling, enlarging and renovating, on or after January 1, 2002, of buildings or facilities that are considered public accommodations. The bill proposed that the entrances to these buildings and facilities must be automatic doors or power-assisted doors.

LD 957   **Resolve, to Transfer State Property to the City of Bangor**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
PERRY	ONTP	
SAWYER		

LD 957 proposed to convey a 7.5 acre parcel of state-owned land located on the east side of the Hogan Road in Bangor to the City of Bangor. The property to be transferred, which is a portion of the Elizabeth Levinson Center property, was proposed as a possible site for a medical office complex.