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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

LD 982

**An Act to Promote Efficiency in County Government in the  
Androscoggin County Budget Process**

ONTP

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>MENDROS |  | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP |  | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 982 proposed to transfer final budget authority in Androscoggin County from the budget committee to the county commissioners.

**LD 985**

**Resolve, Creating a Governance System for Unorganized Towns**

ONTP

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>KASPRZAK |  | <u>Committee Report</u><br>ONTP |  | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 985 proposed to establish the 15-member Committee to Study the Governance of the Unorganized Territories of Maine. The resolve proposed to charge the committee with examining the feasibility of establishing an alternative system of governance for the unorganized territories, such as that proposed in the report of the subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on LD 299 from the 119th Legislature. The resolve set a reporting deadline of December 15, 2001.

LD 988

**An Act Relating to the Celebration of Veterans' Week**

**PUBLIC 100**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>ABROMSON<br>SULLIVAN |  | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP-AM |  | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>S-53 |
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LD 988 proposed to provide for the observance of Veterans' Week each year in each political subdivision, school system and school administrative district in the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)** provided that the celebration of Veterans' Week would be permissive and that municipalities and schools be encouraged to observe the holiday with appropriate activities.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 100 encourages the observation of Veterans' Week with appropriate activities each year in every municipality and school administrative unit in the State. Veterans' Week is the period Sunday through Saturday in November in which the federal holiday, Veterans' Day, occurs.