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*State Of Maine
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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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LD 1131 proposed to allow municipalities to fulfill their legal notice obligations under Title 1, section 601 of the Maine Revised Statutes by publishing legal notices in a publication distributed by 3rd Class mail providing that the municipal officers have adopted a publication policy. Under the proposed bill, the policy would have to meet the following 3 requirements: The newspaper of general circulation would have a subscription rate of less than 25% of the residents in the municipality; all households in the municipality would receive the 3rd Class publication; and the 3rd Class publication would cost less than the newspaper of general circulation.

LD 1145 **Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in the Jacob Abbott House Property Located at the Stevens School Campus in Hallowell** **RESOLVE 60**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> PENDLETON | | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-60 |
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LD 1145 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell or lease the Jacob Abbott House and transfer the Reed Auditorium in Hallowell with a suitable amount of land.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-60), proposed to strike and replace the title of the resolve. This amendment also proposed to strike section 3 of the original resolve and to amend the resolve to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell or lease the Jacob Abbott House property in Hallowell with a suitable amount of land. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the resolve.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 60 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell or lease the Jacob Abbott House property in Hallowell with a suitable amount of land. The resolve is repealed 3 years from its effective date.

LD 1146 **An Act to Give the Legislative Council Discretion in Appointing Members to the Revenue Forecasting Commission** **PUBLIC 2
EMERGENCY**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD MH BRUNO | | <u>Committee Report</u> | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1146, which was not referenced to a standing committee, proposed to change the composition of the Revenue Forecasting Committee by removing the member who is an analyst from the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and replacing that member with another member of the Legislature's nonpartisan staff familiar with revenue estimating issues. Under the bill, this new member was to be appointed by the Legislative Council.

Enacted law summary

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Public Law 2001, chapter 2, which was enacted without reference to a standing committee, changes the composition of the Revenue Forecasting Committee by removing the member who is an analyst from the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and replacing that member with another member of the Legislature's nonpartisan staff familiar with revenue estimating issues. Under the law, this new member is to be appointed by the Legislative Council.

Public Law 2001, chapter 2 was enacted as emergency legislation effective February 22, 2001.

LD 1153

An Act to Increase Certain Civil Process Fees

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BUNKER MCALEVEY | OTP-A ONTP | |

LD 1153 proposed to increase the fee paid to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs by the State for service of certain civil process papers. Under the bill, the fee would increase from \$4 to \$8 for regular service and from \$8 to \$16 for service in hand.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-428), the majority report of the committee, retained the provisions of the bill and additionally proposed to increase from \$1 to \$2 the fee county commissioners are authorized to charge for administrative costs related to service of civil process papers. The amendment also added a fiscal note.

The bill has been carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature by the Appropriations Committee.

LD 1165

An Act to Authorize the Bureau of General Services to Utilize Alternative Delivery Methods for Public Improvements and to Amend the Provisions Pertaining to Prebid Qualifications of Contractors

PUBLIC 271

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| PENDLETON MCDONOUGH | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | S-205 |

LD 1165 proposed to amend the existing competitive bid system of construction procurement for public improvement projects (except public schools, municipal and county government buildings and DOT projects) to allow the following alternative selection methods—design-build, construction-manager-at-risk and construction-manager-advisor. The bill also proposed to expand the requirements for the prebid qualification of contractors.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-205) proposed several clarifications of the alternative methods to the competitive bid process for delivery for public improvement projects provided in the bill. The amendment established the process for selection of state projects that may be considered for alternative methods of delivery and the requirements for requesting proposals, evaluating the qualifications of bidders and bids under the various