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Bill Summaries

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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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

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| 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 |
| PASSED..... | Joint Order passed in both bodies |
| 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Committee Amendment "A" (H-790) replaced the bill and proposed to amend the State Government Evaluation Act to provide that agencies undergoing legislative review pursuant to that act must submit to the committee conducting the review a list of the various filings by the public that the agency requires. The amendment also proposed that, in conducting its analysis and developing its recommendations, a legislative committee may consider the extent to which an agency has increased or decreased filing requirements and paperwork duplication burdens on the public. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 495 amends the State Government Evaluation Act in an effort to identify areas where paperwork reduction may be needed. Chapter 495 requires that agencies undergoing legislative review pursuant to that act must submit to the committee conducting the review a list of the various filings by the public that the agency requires. The amendment also specifies that, in conducting its analysis and developing its recommendations, a committee may consider the extent to which an agency has increased or decreased filing requirements and paperwork duplication burdens on the public.

LD 1218 **An Act to Amend the Calculation for Annual County Tax Assessments** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1218 proposed to require the county commissioners to calculate the budget cost of non-contracted rural sheriff patrol services in proportion with those services provided to municipalities and unorganized territories in the county. The bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-803), which was not adopted, proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1549 **An Act to Amend the Organization of Washington County Government** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GOODWIN SHOREY | ONTP | |

LD 1549 proposed to direct the county commissioners in Washington County to report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government with a plan for hiring a county administrator and increasing the number of county commissioner districts from 3 to 5 in Washington County. This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.