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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, 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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The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. This amendment was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-267) proposed to clarify that the payment of retainage for punch list work is to be made in accordance with the contract schedule. It also proposed to require that these provisions apply to contracts entered into on or after the effective date of this legislation. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1667	**Resolve, to Approve Conceptual Elements of the Augusta State Facilities Master Plan**	**RESOLVE 34**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DAGGETT	OTP-AM MAJ	
FULLER	ONTP MIN	

LD 1667 proposed legislative approval of the Augusta State Facilities Master Plan developed by the Capitol Planning Commission as the official master plan for the Capitol Area and to require that any necessary modifications in the plan be submitted to the Legislature for approval every 2 years.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 34 adopts the Augusta State Facilities Master Plan developed by the Capitol Planning Commission as the official master plan for the development of state buildings and grounds in the Capitol Area. Future construction projects in the Capitol Area must be consistent with the master plan. The commission must report to the Legislature every 2 years on recommendations for changes in the master plan.

LD 1673	**An Act to Restructure the Kennebec County Advisory Budget Committee**	**PUBLIC 172**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MITCHELL C	OTP MAJ	
	ONTP MIN	

LD 1673 proposed to amend the structure of the Kennebec County Advisory Budget Committee. The bill proposed to allow non-elected municipal officials to be members of the budget committee. Existing law only allows municipal officers, or elected town officials, to serve on the county budget advisory committee.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 172 amends the structure of the Kennebec County Budget Committee. The law allows nonelected municipal officials to be elected members of the county budget committee.