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*Bill Summaries*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**May 2002**

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](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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i> .....	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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

LD 1586

**An Act to Separate Territory from the Town of Falmouth and Annex it to the City of Portland**

**P & S 62  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ABROMSON DAVIS G	OTP-AM	S-416

LD 1586 proposed to separate a parcel of property from the Town of Falmouth and annex it to the City of Portland. The property is located on the southerly side of the Maine Turnpike spur that connects the turnpike with Route 1 in the Town of Falmouth. It abuts other property under the same ownership in the City of Portland. The turnpike spur acts as a substantial barrier to municipal services like sewer lines, water lines and roads from the Town of Falmouth. This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-416)** proposed to amend the original bill by adding a more precise description of the territory to be separated from the Town of Falmouth and annexed to the City of Portland by this legislation. It also proposed to add an emergency preamble, an emergency clause and a fiscal note to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 62 separates a parcel of property from the Town of Falmouth and annexes it to the City of Portland. The property is located on the southerly side of the Maine Turnpike spur that connects the turnpike with Route 1 in the Town of Falmouth. It abuts other property under the same ownership in the City of Portland. The turnpike spur acts as a substantial barrier to municipal services such as sewer lines, water lines and roads from the Town of Falmouth.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 62 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 2, 2002.

**LD 1678**

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the Legislative Compensation Commission**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL MARTIN	ONTP	

LD 1678 proposed to establish a Legislative Compensation Commission to review the current levels of compensation provided to Maine Legislators. This bill proposed that the Governor appoint the 5 members of the commission, with at least one from each of the 2 major political parties. This bill also proposed that no member of the commission could be a Legislator, lobbyist or lobbyist employer at the time of the appointment. Under this proposed bill, the commission's recommendations would have automatically taken effect for the next legislative session unless the Legislature enacted legislation specifically overriding the commission's recommendations. This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session.