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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Utilities and Energy*

August 2001

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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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2003, to offer the owner of the property an opportunity to review with the utility the current use of the facilities and any changes in the facilities or their use over the preceding 50 years.

LD 1661 **An Act to Amend the Charter of the Portland Water District to Permit the Extension of Water and Wastewater Service to the Town of Raymond** **P & S 25
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRUNO TURNER	OTP-AM	H-166

LD 1661 proposed to amend the charter of the Portland Water District by adding the Town of Raymond as a member of the district in order to allow the extension of water and wastewater services within the town.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-166) proposed to add a mandate preamble to the bill and a transition clause relating to the current trustees of the Portland Water District. The amendment also proposed to incorporate a change made by Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 7 that changes the date of the regular municipal elections from May to November.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 25 amends the charter of the Portland Water District to add the Town of Raymond as a member of the district.

This law was enacted as an emergency measure effective on May 9, 2001.

LD 1735 **An Act to Amend the Charter of the Vinalhaven Water District** **P & S 21
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLENIK	OTP-AM	H-269

LD 1735 proposed to amend the charter of the Vinalhaven Water District.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-269) proposed to make technical changes to the bill and remove language that makes certain service of the Vinalhaven Water District discretionary.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 21 amends the charter of the Vinalhaven Water District.

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This law was enacted as an emergency measure effective on May 16, 2001.

LD 1798

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Buckfield Village Corporation

**P & S 26
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GAGNE FERGUSON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-535
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LD 1798 proposed to allow the voters of the Buckfield Village Corporation to determine that the assessors of the corporation appoint some or all of the other officers. It also proposed to allow a person to be appointed to an office who is not a resident of the corporation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-535) proposed to make technical changes to clarify the language of the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 26 allows the voters of the Buckfield Village Corporation to determine that the assessors of the corporation appoint some or all of the other officers. It also allows a person to be appointed to an office who is not a resident of the corporation.

This law was enacted as an emergency measure effective on May 31, 2001.

LD 1820

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Limestone Water and Sewer District

**P & S 34
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> YOUNG	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-712
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LD 1820 proposed to amend the Charter of the Limestone Water and Sewer District by updating the procedures for filing a lien for nonpayment of sewer charges.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-712) proposed to remove the language that defines a mobile home as real estate and requires the treasurer of the district to provide a 2nd notice to parties named on the lien certificate and to each record holder no fewer than 30 days and no more than 45 days prior to the foreclosure of the mortgage created by the lien. This amendment also proposed to add a mandate preamble, emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary