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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
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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Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Public Law 2001, chapter 388 establishes in statute the position of Chief Information Officer and the Office of Chief Information Officer within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and clarifies the role and responsibilities of the CIO. Several new information technology responsibilities are assigned to the CIO and some duties formerly performed by the Director of the Bureau of Information Services are transferred to the CIO. The CIO is to act as advocate and coordinator in the area of information technology within the Executive Branch of State Government and as liaison to the Judicial and Legislative Branches.

LD 1766 **Resolve, to Authorize the Northern Maine Technical College to Transfer .26 Acres of Land to the City of Presque Isle to Ensure Road Safety** **RESOLVE 35**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNEELAND BRUNO	OTP	

LD 1766 proposed to authorize the transfer of approximately .26 acres of land owned by the Northern Maine Technical College to the City of Presque Isle. The transfer would allow the city to realign a roadway abutting the NMTC campus to ensure safer flow of traffic on that roadway.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 35 authorizes the transfer of approximately .26 acres of land by the Northern Maine Technical College to the City of Presque Isle. The transfer allows the city to realign a roadway abutting the NMTC campus to ensure safer flow of traffic on that roadway.

LD 1772 **Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 2001** **RESOLVE 19
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP	

LD 1772, which was a committee bill pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1247, proposed the laying of the county taxes and authorizing expenditures of Kennebec County for the year 2001.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-108), which was not adopted, proposed to add \$3,000 for membership in the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 19 authorizes the laying of the county taxes and authorizes expenditures of Kennebec County for the year 2001.

Resolve 2001, chapter 19 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 14, 2001.