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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations And Financial Affairs*

*May 2002*

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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:

*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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

**LD 1819**

## **An Act to Give the Maine Technical College System Limited Revenue Bonding Authority**

**PUBLIC 590**

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

LD 1819 proposed to authorize the Maine Technical College System to issue up to \$35,000,000 in revenue bonds and to issue bonds through the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority.

This bill was a carry over from the 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the 120<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

### ***Enacted Law Summary:***

Under current law, the University of Maine System has the authority to issue revenue bonds up to \$100,000,000 and the Maine Maritime Academy has the authority to incur debt up to \$4,000,000. These statutes enable the university and academy to improve their facilities without pledging the credit of the State. Public Law 2001, chapter 590 authorizes the Maine Technical College System to issue up to \$35,000,000 in revenue bonds and to issue bonds through the Maine Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority.

**LD 1866**

## **Resolve, to Allow the Courts to Utilize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Issue a Bond of \$2,500,000 to Finish the Repairs at the Lewiston District Court**

**RESOLVE 74  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAILHOT ROTUNDO	OTP-AM	H-760

LD 1866 proposed to authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue a bond in the amount of \$2,500,000 in order to finish repairs at the Lewiston District Court.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-760)** proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause in order for the resolve to take effect when approved. The amendment also proposed to allow the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities as early as April 1, 2002, to complete the repairs of the Lewiston District Court. It also proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.