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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Taxation*

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).

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 Taxation

LD 1833

Resolve, Relating to the State Valuation for the Town of Dexter

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
DAVIS P
TOBIN

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1833 proposed to authorize the Town of Dexter to seek an adjustment of its state valuation for the year 2003 without meeting the percentage reduction in valuation required under the provisions of current law.

See also LD 2154.

LD 1834

An Act to Ensure Continued Reporting of Tax Incentive Recipients

PUBLIC 481

Sponsor(s)
GAGNON

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-408

LD 1834 proposed to repeal the sunset date of August 1, 2002 for the economic development incentive laws in order to maintain the reporting requirements for recipients of benefits under listed economic development incentives who receive \$10,000 or more per year in incentives.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-408) replaced the original bill and proposed to repeal the Economic Development Incentive Commission and remove the August 1, 2002 sunset date for business and agency reporting regarding economic development incentives. The amendment also proposed to clarify that the reporting requirements apply to businesses that are not employers.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 2001, chapter 481 repeals the Economic Development Incentive Commission, removes the August 1, 2002 sunset date for business and agency reporting regarding economic development incentives and clarifies that the reporting requirements apply to businesses that are not employers.

LD 1842

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

RESOLVE 73

Sponsor(s)
GREEN

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-770

LD 1842 proposed to authorize the State Tax Assessor to convey the interest of the State in several parcels of real estate in the Unorganized Territory.