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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Utilities and Energy*

May 2002

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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 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 Utilities and Energy

LD 1845

**An Act Authorizing the Town of Waldoboro to Refinance Certain
Temporary Bond Anticipation Notes Issued for its Water Project**

**P & S 51
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-772 H-810 SAVAGE W

LD 1845 proposed to extend the period for temporary financing for the Town of Waldoboro's water project.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-772) proposed to extend the period of temporary financing for the Waldoboro water project an additional year so that the total period of temporary financing authorized is 6 years. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-810) proposed to make a technical correction to the emergency preamble.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 51 extends the period for temporary financing for the Town of Waldoboro's water project to 6 years.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 51 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2002.

LD 1857

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Mount Blue Water District

**P & S 48
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAVERDIERE	OTP-AM	H-773

LD 1857 proposed to change the eligibility requirements for the election of trustees for the Mt. Blue Standard Water District. It also proposed to allow the trustees to determine the compensation for the trustees and the treasurer of the board of trustees. The bill also proposed to allow the trustees to elect a treasurer that is not a trustee of the district.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-773) proposed to clarify certain language of the bill relating to the hiring of a nontrustee as treasurer of the Mt. Blue Standard Water District and make this provision retroactive to the effective date of the law creating the district. It also proposed to allow a person who does not reside in the district to be a trustee if the person is a customer of the district. It proposed to allow the trustees to propose the compensation of the trustees and the treasurer, but to make the proposal subject to approval by the voters of the district. It proposed to make all these changes subject to referendum approval.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 48 amends the charter of the Mt. Blue Standard Water District to allow a person who does not reside in the district to be a trustee if the person is a customer of the district; to allow the trustees to propose the compensation of the trustees and the treasurer, but makes the proposal subject to approval by the voters of the district; and, retroactive to the effective date of the law creating the district, to allow the