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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
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 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.

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

trustees to hire a treasurer who is not a trustee of the district. All these provisions are subject to referendum approval within the district.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 48 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 21, 2002, subject to referendum approval.

LD 1862

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Winterport Sewerage District

**P & S 49
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS	OTP-AM	H-761 H-769 BROOKS

LD 1862 proposed to amend the Charter of the Winterport Sewerage District by increasing the debt limit to \$1,200,000. The bill also proposed to amend the charter by adding language that allows any subsequent debt changes to be made by referendum.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-761) proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed:

1. To increase the debt limit of the Winterport Sewerage District from \$400,000 to \$1,200,000, subject to approval by local referendum; and
2. To permit the district to increase its debt limit in the future through a referendum process.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-769) proposed to add language to the referendum clause to address the fact that the Town of Winterport held a town meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2002 at which the question whether the debt limit of the Winterport Sewerage District should be increased to \$1,200,000 was voted and approved. The amendment proposed to provide that if due certificate of that vote is filed with the Secretary of State, Part A of the Act, which authorizes the increase in debt limit, takes effect when approved.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 49 amends the Charter of the Winterport Sewerage District to increase the debt limit of the Winterport Sewerage District from \$400,000 to \$1,200,000, subject to approval by local referendum, and to permit the district to increase its debt limit in the future through a referendum process. Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 49 recognizes that the Town of Winterport held a town meeting prior to enactment of this law at which the question whether the debt limit of the Winterport Sewerage District should be increased was voted and approved; the law provides that if due certificate of that vote is filed with the Secretary of State, the authority to increase in debt limit takes effect without the necessity of further referendum approval.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 49 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 21, 2002.