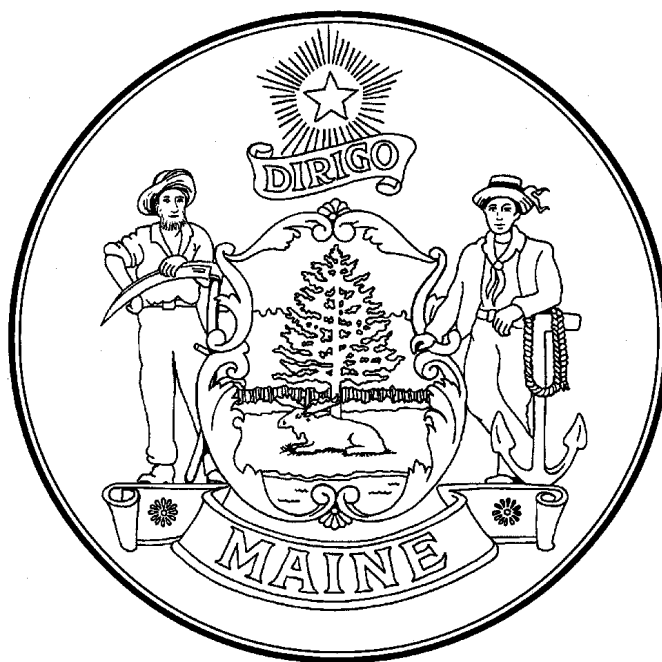


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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

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).

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

Enacted Law Summary:

Resolve 2001, chapter 74 authorizes 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. It allows 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 deappropriates funds in fiscal year 2001-02 and appropriates funds in fiscal year 2002-2003 to support the additional debt service costs.

Resolve 2001, chapter 74 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 21, 2002.

LD 1885

An Act to Transfer Funds From the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System in Order to Fund the Change in Retirement Eligibility Requirements for Game Wardens and Marine Patrol Officers

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
MICHAUD MH
DUNLAP

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1885 proposed to transfer funds from the Service Retirement Benefit Reserve to the Maine State Retirement System in order to fund the change in retirement eligibility requirements for game wardens and marine patrol officers.

LD 1892

An Act to Adjust the Salary of the Governor

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
GOLDTHWAIT
SAXL

Committee Report
OTP-AM A
OTP-AM B
ONTP C

Amendments Adopted

LD 1892 proposed to increase the salary of the Governor beginning in January 2003.

LD 1900

An Act to Provide Emergency Funds to the University of Maine System for the Increased Cost of Health Insurance

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
CATHCART
THOMAS

Committee Report
ONTP MAJ
OTP MIN

Amendments Adopted

LD 1900 proposed to appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to cover the increased cost of health insurance provided to the system's employees.