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*Bill Summaries*

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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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i> .....	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i> .....	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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 State and Local Government

## *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 59 allows the Town of Atkinson to deorganize providing that the voters of the town approve the deorganization proposal at the general election in November 2002. If voters approve the referendum, the effective date of the deroganization will be July 1, 2003.

**LD 1926**

**An Act to Amend the Boundaries Between Ripley and St. Albans**

**P & S 63**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STEDMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-825
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LD 1926 proposed to restore the boundary between the Town of St. Albans and the Town of Ripley to its pre-1862 configuration by placing land set off in Private and Special Law 1862, chapter 181 back into the Town of Ripley.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-825)** proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

## *Enacted law summary*

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 63 restores the boundary between the Town of St. Albans and the Town of Ripley to its pre-1862 configuration by placing land set off in Private and Special Law 1862, chapter 181 back into the Town of Ripley.

**LD 1941**

**An Act to Modify the Time of Constituent Service Allowance Payments**

**PUBLIC 504**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLOUGH DAGGETT		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-802
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LD 1941 proposed to change the time when Legislators receive the 1st installment payment of their annual allowance for constituent services. Current law provides that this installment be paid at the start of each regular session in December. This bill proposed that this installment be paid in January.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-802)** proposed to retain the change presented in the bill. In addition, the amendment proposed to allow a Legislator to obtain the first payment in December of the first year of the biennium upon request to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The amendment proposed that the executive director be required to notify Legislators of the payment choice available to them and of the tax consequences of the choice.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 504 changes when Legislators receive the 1st of the 2 payments of the annual allowance for constituent services. Current law provides that this installment be paid at the start of each regular session—December in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of a biennium and January in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Chapter 504 sets the first payment for