

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 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 State and Local Government

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-543)** was prepared pursuant to action taken by the Legislative Council on March 26, 2002. The amendment proposed to make changes to conform to the study commission guidelines. It proposed to change the composition of the commission, change the convening date, remove language providing that commission members serve without payment of compensation or expenses, authorize up to 4 meetings, change the submission process for the initial report, add a compensation section and strike the funding for the interim and final reports as funding for the commission would be provided from the Legislative Account.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 113 establishes a commission to arrange for the display of plaques and flags in the Hall of Flags in the State House to honor the Maine veterans of World War II and the Korean War.

### **LD 2067**

### **An Act to Require Appropriate Public Notice of a State Building Project**

**PUBLIC 615**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAGGETT	OTP-AM    MAJ	S-448
COLWELL	ONTP      MIN	S-497    DAGGETT

LD 2067 proposed that if a proposed state public improvement construction project is not reviewed by a municipal planning board, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services must notify, in writing, a property owner whose property abuts the proposed state project before work may begin.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-448)** proposed to replace the bill. It proposed that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services be required to provide notice of state public improvement construction projects if the municipality in which the project is located is not reviewing the project. It proposed that notice must be provided in the same manner as required by municipal ordinance in the town or city in which the project is located and must be provided as soon as development of the schematic design of the project is complete. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-497)** proposed to replace the committee amendment. It proposed that if a public improvement is for new construction only and is not reviewed by a municipality, the public notice must be provided by the agency responsible for the new construction.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 615 provides that if a proposed state public improvement project for new construction is not reviewed by the municipal in which it is located, the agency responsible for the new construction must provide public notice of the project. Notice must be provided in the same manner as required by municipal ordinance for similar projects, in the town or city in which the project is located and must be provided as soon as development of the schematic design of the project is complete.