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State Of Maine 120th Legislature

Second Regular Session

Bill Summaries

Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

May 2002

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120th Legislature Second Regular Session

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 XXXCI | hapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses |
|--------------------------------|---|
| CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE | |
| DIED BETWEEN BODIES | House & Senate disagree; bill died |
| DIED IN CONCURRENCEOne body as | ccepts 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 |
| | 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 | |
| OTP ND/NT | Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title |
| P&S XXX | Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law |
| | Joint Order passed in both bodies |
| | Chapter # of enacted Public Law |
| RESOLVE XXX | Chapter # of finally passed Resolve |
| UNSIGNED | |
| 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.

Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

LD 2207

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Winterport Water District

P & S 68 EMERGENCY

| Sponsor(s) | Committee Report | Amendments Adopted |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| SAVAGE W | Pursuant to Joint Order | |
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LD 2207, which was reported by the committee pursuant to Joint Order, proposed to increase the debt limit of the Winterport Water District to \$1.2 million, subject to approval in a local referendum, and to permit the district to increase its debt limit in the future through a referendum process.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 68 increases the debt limit of the Winterport Water District, subject to approval in a local referendum, and permits the district to increase its debt limit in the future through a referendum process.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 68 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 8, 2002.