

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
State and Local Government*

*July 2003*

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# Maine State Legislature



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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session</i>
<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>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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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*Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

**LD 1561**

**An Act To Clarify the InforME Public Information Access Act**

**PUBLIC 406**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-172
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LD 1561 proposed to clarify various definitions to accurately represent the electronic services provided by InforME and the services available to those who pay the subscriber fee. Under the proposed bill, the manner in which funds are collected and distributed by InforME to data custodians or agencies would be clarified.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-172)** proposed to require that InforME follow certain requirements regarding the depositing of state funds.

***Enacted Law Summary***

Public Law 2003, chapter 406 clarifies various definitions to accurately represent the electronic services provided by InforME and the services available to those who pay the subscriber fee. It also clarifies the manner in which funds are collected and distributed by InforME to data custodians or agencies. In addition, InforME must follow certain requirements regarding the depositing of state funds as established by the Treasurer of State.

**LD 1609**

**An Act To Codify the County Commissioner Districts as Apportioned by Public Law 2003, Chapter 43**

**PUBLIC 291**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1609 proposed to carry out the legislative intent of Public Law 2003, chapter 43 by specifying, per United States Census designations, those areas that are located in each county commissioner district as reapportioned by the apportionment commission and submitted to the Clerk of the House April 3, 2003.

***Enacted Law Summary***

Public Law 2003, chapter 291 carries out the legislative intent of Public Law 2003, chapter 43 by specifying, per United States Census designations, those areas that are located in each county commissioner district as reapportioned by the apportionment commission and submitted to the Clerk of the House April 3, 2003.

**LD 1610**

**An Act To Codify the House Legislative Districts As Apportioned by Public Law 2003, chapter 44**

**PUBLIC 289**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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## *Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

LD 1610 proposed to carry out the intent of Public Law 2003, chapter 44, which provides for the apportionment of the legislative districts for the Maine House of Representatives. This bill proposed to establish the legislative districts based upon reference to United States Census civil divisions designations.

### ***Enacted Law Summary***

Public Law 2003, chapter 289 carries out the intent of Public Law 2003, chapter 44, which provides for the apportionment of the legislative districts for the Maine House of Representatives. It establishes the legislative districts based upon reference to United States Census civil divisions designations.

**LD 1615**                      **An Act To Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by School Administrative District No. 71**                      **P & S 20  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MURPHY		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1615 proposed to validate a school construction referendum conducted by School Administrative District No. 71 on October 1, 2002 and to authorize the district to enter into contracts and issue bonds or notes of the district for the project. The validation is necessary because copies of the warrants that were delivered to the towns and posted were not attested. Validation of the referendum would eliminate a legal technicality that could affect the marketability of the bonds or notes to be issued by the district for the project.

This bill was enacted without reference to committee.

### ***Enacted Law Summary***

Private & Special Law, chapter 20 validates a school construction referendum conducted by Maine School Administrative District No. 71 on October 1, 2002 and authorizes the district to enter into contracts and issue bonds or notes of the district for the project. The validation is necessary because copies of the warrants that were delivered to the towns and posted were not attested. Validation of the referendum will eliminate a legal technicality that could affect the marketability of the bonds or notes to be issued by the district for the project.

Private & Special Law, chapter 20 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 19, 2003.

**LD 1624**                      **An Act To Authorize the Deorganization of the Town of Centerville**                      **P & S 32**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BUNKER SHOREY		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-540 BRANNIGAN
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LD 1624 proposed to authorize the deorganization of the Town of Centerville if, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 7207, a majority of the voters in the town approve the deorganization procedure developed in accordance with Title 30-A, section 7205 and if the deorganization is approved by the voters of the town at the next statewide election to be held in November.

**House Amendment "A" (H-540)** proposed to incorporate a fiscal note.