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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and
Second Special Session*

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
State and Local Government*

May 2004

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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/billsumm.htm).

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
- 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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 534 authorizes the residents of Verona to change the town name from "Town of Verona" to "Town of Verona Island." A referendum is scheduled to be held before January 1, 2005 for approval by the residents of Verona.

Public Law 2003, chapter 534 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 5, 2004.

LD 1671

An Act To Authorize the Deorganization of the Town of Atkinson

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1671 proposed to authorize the deorganization of the Town of Atkinson if, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 7207, a majority of the voters in the town approves 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.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-768) was the majority report and proposed to clarify that if Hospital District No. 4 defaults on bonds issued and outstanding prior to the effective date of the proposed deorganization, the State Tax Assessor is required to assess a supplemental tax on owners of nonexempt property in Atkinson Township for the proportional share of bond liability in default. The Town of Atkinson is currently a member of Hospital District No. 4. If the Town of Atkinson deorganizes, it will no longer be a member of Hospital District No. 4, but pursuant to the approved deorganization procedure and this Act, it will remain liable for its share of bonded indebtedness. This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "A" (H-802) proposed to provide that the Commissioner of Education may pay tuition for an elementary school student from Atkinson Township to attend an elementary school outside of School Administrative District No. 41 only with the consent of the Superintendent of School Administrative District No. 41. This amendment was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-479) proposed to provide that the Commissioner of Education may pay tuition for an elementary school student from Atkinson Township to attend an elementary school outside of School Administrative District No. 41 only with the consent of the Superintendent of School Administrative District No. 41. This amendment was not adopted.