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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
ONT P.....	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

LD 1896

Resolve, Authorizing the Town of Eustis To Exchange a Certain Parcel of Land

RESOLVE 122

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JODREY WOODCOCK	OTP	

LD 1896 proposed to authorize the Town of Eustis to exchange a parcel of land owned by the Town of Eustis for a parcel of land owned by SP Forests, LLC.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 122 authorizes the Town of Eustis to exchange a parcel of land owned by the Town of Eustis for a parcel of land owned by SP Forests, LLC.

LD 1925

An Act To Change the Names of Certain Townships in the Unorganized Territory

**P & S 46
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS MARTIN	OTP-AM	H-812 S-492 STANLEY

LD 1925 proposed to authorize the Aroostook County commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 17, Range 5, WELS, to rename the township Cross Lake.

Committee Amendment "A (H-812) proposed to add a mandate preamble to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-492) proposed to authorize the Piscataquis County commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 5, Range 9, NWP, to rename the township Ebeemee.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2003, chapter 46 authorizes the Aroostook County commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 17, Range 5, WELS, to rename the township Cross Lake. It also authorizes the Piscataquis County commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 5, Range 9, NWP, to rename the township Ebeemee.

Private and Special Law 2003, chapter 46 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 22, 2004.