

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and  
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*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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:

- CARRIED OVER ..... Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
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
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

**LD 757**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote Affordable Workforce Housing**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN DUDLEY	ONTP	

LD 757 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$20,000,000, to be used to promote affordable workforce housing.

**LD 766**                      **An Act To Support the New Century Community Program**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KAELIN WESTON	OTP-AM	H-227

LD 766 proposed to provide funding to the New Century Community Program. The goals of the program are to strengthen local cultural resources, including community arts activities, humanities programs and historic preservation activities; provide educational services beyond the reach of the standard educational system; and preserve both the State's material culture and its built environment through grants for preservation and restoration.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-227)** proposed to provide a reduction to the increase in funding to the New Century Community Program.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

**LD 775**                      **An Act To Provide a Stable Source of Funding for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund**                      **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN COWGER	OTP-AM	H-228

LD 775 proposed to authorize General Fund appropriation of \$1,800,000 for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07. These funds would provide the state match over a 2-year period for \$18,000,000 in federal funds dedicated to the safe drinking water revolving loan fund for the purpose of funding infrastructure improvements by public water systems as necessary to comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996.

*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-228)** proposed to reduce the increase in General Fund appropriations from \$1,800,000 to \$1,000,000 for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

This bill, and its adopted amendment, were carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S. P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

**LD 786**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine**                      **ONTP**  
**Resident College Graduates Employed in Maine**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CUMMINGS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 786 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000, to be used to defray a portion of the cost of a Maine resident's college education at either an in-state or out-of-state postsecondary school if, after graduation, the individual was employed in Maine.

**LD 787**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Enhanced** **CARRIED OVER**  
**Development of Public Geographic Information**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KOFFMAN COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 787 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$6,000,000, to be used for the enhanced development of public geographic information through the Maine Library of Geographic Information for digitizing town parcel maps, for complete orthoimagery, for orthoimagery updates, for digitizing zoning and conservation and open space, for land cover and land use updates, for development of tracking applications, for data validation tools and for generic browser and viewer library portal upgrades.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

**LD 794**                      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Allow**                      **CARRIED OVER**  
**Municipalities To Purchase Fishing Rights and Equipment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STRIMLING DUDLEY		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 794 proposed a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$5,000,000, to be used to assist municipalities in the purchase of fishing rights and equipment.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.