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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
State and Local Government*

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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 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 (Pocket Veto).....	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 August 23, 2006.

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proposed to specify that, in the event of a conflict between a municipal charter and the provisions of this amendment, the provisions of the municipal charter prevail. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1694

An Act To Allow the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman To Deposit All Tax Revenues, Grant Revenues and Other Income and Revenues into One Depository Account

**P & S 31
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-445 MARTIN
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LD 1694 proposed to authorize the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman to create and maintain a common ownership depository account in the name of the 3 towns for the deposit of all tax revenues, grant revenues and other income and revenues received by the individual towns.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-445) proposed to add an emergency preamble and clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 31 authorizes the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman to create and maintain a common ownership depository account in the name of the 3 towns for the deposit of all tax revenues, grant revenues and other income and revenues received by the individual towns.

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 31 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 2, 2006.

LD 1712

An Act To Restore the Funding to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-741
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LD 1712 proposed to restore the funding for the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services by repealing the section of Public Law 2005, chapter 457 that would have transferred the money to the General Fund by June 30, 2006 and by June 30, 2007.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-741) proposed to restore the funding for the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services for the second year only.

(Public Law 2005, chapter 519, Part HH, section 1, restored \$1 million to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services.)