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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
State and Local Government*

*July 2006*

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### 122nd Maine Legislature Second 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 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](http://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.

*Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

**LD 1733**

**Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Establish a Working Group To Develop Options for the Long-term Renovation and Use of the Stone Buildings, the Administrative Building and the Center Building Formerly Occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute**

**RESOLVE 201**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BARSTOW	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-973
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LD 1733 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into long-term ground leases of the following sites and to convey the following buildings, subject to surrender to the State upon termination of the ground lease: the Stone Buildings, the Administration Building and the Center Building formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute in Augusta.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-973)** proposed to direct the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to establish a working group to explore options for the renovation and occupancy of the Stone Buildings, the Administrative Building and the Center Building. The working group would explore the possibilities of using bonds and public-private partnerships for renovation and options for occupancy including a combination of state agencies and private leases. The working group would report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by February 15, 2007.

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2005, chapter 201 directs the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to establish a working group to explore options for the renovation and occupancy of the Stone Buildings, the Administrative Building and the Center Building formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute. The working group shall explore the possibilities of using bonds and public-private partnerships for renovation and options for occupancy including a combination of state agencies and private leases. The working group shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by February 15, 2007.

**LD 1735**

**An Act To Authorize Chebeague Island To Secede from the Town of Cumberland**

**P & S 47**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY DAMON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-915
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LD 1735 proposed to authorize the separation of Chebeague Island and certain surrounding islands from the Town of Cumberland and their incorporation into the Town of Chebeague Island.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-915)** proposed to change the boundary lines so that Sturdivant Island and Basket Island remain part of the Town of Cumberland. It would detail the agreements between the secession territory and the Town of Cumberland and the secession territory and School Administrative District 51. The amendment proposed to require the secession territory to select 9 transition representatives to act for the territory from within 60 days of the effective date of the bill to the date of separation. It would authorize the Town of