

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 1862**

**An Act To Expand Notification Requirements for Internal Control  
Inquiries Made by Nonstate Organizations**

**PUBLIC 490**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BARSTOW		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-760
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LD 1862 proposed to require that the State Auditor be notified when a nonstate organization requests access to state agency resources and records related to internal controls.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-760)** proposed to require the State Controller to notify the State Auditor, the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and other interested parties when a nonstate organization requests access to state agency resources and records related to internal controls.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 490 requires the State Controller to notify the State Auditor, the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and other interested parties when a nonstate organization requests access to state agency resources and records related to internal controls.

**LD 1864**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and  
Financial Services To Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in  
Certain Real Property Located on State Highway 191 in East  
Machias; U.S. Route 1 in Thomaston; U.S. Route 2 in Skowhegan;  
and Hospital Street in Augusta**

**RESOLVE 177**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RECTOR SAVAGE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-927
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LD 1864 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell or lease the State's interests in properties in East Machias, Thomaston, Skowhegan, Augusta and Falmouth, with the sale proceeds to be deposited into the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' capital repair and improvement account for capital improvements and the lease proceeds to be deposited in the General Fund.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-772)** proposed to give the right of first refusal to purchase the parcel of land in Falmouth along the Presumpscot River to the 3 abutting lot owners. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services would have the authority to work with the abutting lot owners to develop an equitable division of property. The bill and this amendment were recommitted to committee for reconsideration.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-927)** proposed to remove from the list of state properties authorized to be sold or leased the parcel of land located in Falmouth along the Presumpscot River.