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*State Of Maine
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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.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 1880

An Act To Promote Youth Involvement in County and Local Government

PUBLIC 656

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAIN	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-768 S-671 ROTUNDO
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LD 1880 proposed to create the County and Local Government Internship Program, administered by the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy at the University of Maine, which would pair college-age students with county and local governments. Students must have completed at least 2 years of college or have just graduated from college and be Maine residents or out-of-state students attending college in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-768) proposed to incorporate a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-671) proposed to remove the appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 656 creates the County and Local Government Internship Program, administered by the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy at the University of Maine, which pairs college-age students with county and local governments. Students must have completed at least 2 years of college or have just graduated from college and must be Maine residents or out-of-state students attending college in the State.

LD 1882

An Act To Expand the Auditing Powers of the Department of Audit and To Clarify the Confidentiality of Audit Working Papers and Information

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BARSTOW	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1882 proposed to clarify the authority of the State Auditor to conduct information system audits and ensure the confidential status of information system audit findings and workpapers. The bill proposed to clarify that the State Auditor has the discretion to release nonconfidential audit working papers to the public before any final audit report. It also proposed to allow the State Auditor to disclose confidential audit working papers to the Office of the State Controller, the Office of the Treasurer of State, affected state entities and other state entities if the audited department, commission or agency agrees to the disclosure. The bill proposed to ensure that tips and complaints and information provided by any individual are confidential. In addition, the bill proposed to make classified any information resulting from a review by the State Auditor that indicates a computer system is vulnerable. Finally, the bill proposed to give the State Auditor the power to compel the production of evidence.