

# 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 1908**

**An Act To Increase the Salary of the Governor**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOORE G	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN ONTP MIN	

LD 1908 proposed to provide the Governor with an annual salary 10% greater than the annual salary of any other official of State Government. In accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article V, Part First, Section 6, the increased salary would not apply to the Governor who is serving on the effective date of the legislation during that Governor's continuance in office.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-896)** proposed to set the Governor's salary at 2 times the median family income in the State, starting in January 2007, as determined by the most recent American Community Survey conducted by the United States Census Bureau. Every 4 years, the Governor's salary would be recalculated according to the most recent median family income. The amendment also proposed to add an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-897)**, which is the minority report, proposed that the State Compensation Commission considers the compensation of the Governor in its biennial report.

**LD 1912**

**RESOLUTION, Amending the Constitution of Maine To Lower the Age of Eligibility for Election to the House of Representatives**

**FINAL PASSAGE FAILED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-809

LD 1912 proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to decrease the minimum age for election to the Maine House of Representatives from 21 years of age to 18 years of age.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-809)** proposed to incorporate a fiscal note.

**LD 1918**

**An Act To Create a Self-insurance Pool for Land Crossing State-owned Railroad Tracks**

**ONTP**

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

LD 1918 proposed to require that the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services provide insurance services so that private landowners may purchase insurance for coverage of land crossing state-owned railroad tracks.