

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Education and Cultural Affairs*

*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 Education and Cultural Affairs*

**LD 1963**                      **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Educational Personnel, Part I and Part II, a Major Substantive Rule That Has Been Provisionally Adopted by the Department of Education**                      **RESOLVE 182 EMERGENCY**

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

LD 1963 proposed to provide for legislative review of portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Educational Personnel, Part I and Part II, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education.

*Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2005, chapter 182 provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of Educational Personnel, Part I and Part II, a major substantive rule of the Department of Education.

Resolve 2005, chapter 182 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 12, 2006.

**LD 1964**                      **An Act To Assist Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Disabilities in Obtaining Information Regarding Current Events**                      **PUBLIC 651**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON J	OTP-AM	H-788 S-689 ROTUNDO

LD 1964 proposed to direct the State Librarian to enter into an agreement with a qualified entity to provide an accessible electronic information service for eligible blind and disabled persons.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-788)** proposed to define and uses the term “eligible individuals” instead of “blind and disabled persons.” It proposed to authorize but does not require the State Librarian to enter into an agreement for service. It proposed to remove unnecessary language.

**Senate Amendment “A” (S-689)** proposed to strike the appropriations and allocations section and add a new appropriations and allocations section.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 651 authorizes the State Librarian to enter into an agreement with a qualified entity to provide an accessible electronic information service for eligible blind and disabled persons. The law also provides a General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2006-07.