

# 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 1988**

**An Act To Raise the Debt Limit of the City of Brewer High School District**

**P & S 42**

Sponsor(s)  
FISHER  
ROSEN R

Committee Report  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1988 proposed to amend the private and special law that established the City of Brewer High School District to increase the debt limit of the district from \$5,000,000 to 7.5% of the most recent state valuation of the City of Brewer. This bill proposed to clarify the authority of the City of Brewer to convey property to the district and proposed to authorize the district to enter into agreements with the Federal Government, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and others to help finance school construction projects in the City of Brewer. This bill also proposed to clarify the authority of the district to renovate and repair its school buildings.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law, chapter 42 amended the private and special law that established the City of Brewer High School District to increase the debt limit of the district from \$5,000,000 to 7.5% of the most recent state valuation of the City of Brewer. The law clarifies the authority of the City of Brewer to convey property to the district and authorizes the district to enter into agreements with the Federal Government, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and others to help finance school construction projects in the City of Brewer. The law also clarifies the authority of the district to renovate and repair its school buildings.

**LD 2012**

**An Act Amending and Restating the Charter of The President and Trustees of Colby College**

**P & S 45  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)  
GAGNON  
CANAVAN

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
S-501

LD 2012 proposed to amend the charter of The President and Trustees of Colby College to increase the maximum number of trustees from 31 to 35 and to increase the minimum number of trustees from 21 to 24. The bill proposed to clarify that the President of Colby College is a trustee ex officio. The bill also proposed to update the language concerning removal of trustees in a manner consistent with Maine law and repeal Private and Special Law 1959, chapter 42.

**Committee Amendment “A” (S-501)** proposed to add an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law, chapter 45 amends the charter of The President and Trustees of Colby College to increase the maximum number of trustees from 31 to 35 and to increase the minimum number of trustees from 21 to 24. The law clarifies that the President of Colby College is a trustee ex officio. The law also updates the language concerning removal of trustees in a manner consistent with Maine law and repeals Private and Special Law 1959, chapter 42.