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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT**

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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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Summary of Committee Actions

I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Activity</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills referred to Committee			
<i>Bills referred and voted out</i>	88	96.7%	4.6%
<u><i>Bills Carried Over</i></u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2.2%</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
Total Bills referred	90	98.9%	4.7%
B. Bills reported out by law or joint order			
	1	1.1%	0.1%
Total Bills considered by Committee	91	100.0%	4.7%
Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee			
<i>Joint Study Orders referred and voted out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Joint Resolutions referred and voted out</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Orders and Resolutions Carried Over</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Orders and Resolutions Referred	0	0.0%	0.0%
II. COMMITTEE REPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of this Committee's Reports</u>	<u>% of All Committee Reports</u>
A. Unanimous committee reports			
<i>Ought to Pass</i>	13	14.6%	0.7%
<i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i>	22	24.7%	1.3%
<i>Ought to Pass as New Draft</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Ought Not to Pass</i></u>	<u>33</u>	<u>37.1%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
Total unanimous reports	68	76.4%	3.9%
B. Divided committee reports			
<i>Two-way reports</i>	20	22.5%	1.1%
<i>Three-way reports</i>	1	1.1%	0.1%
<u><i>Four-way reports</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total divided reports	21	23.6%	1.2%
Total committee reports	89	97.8%	5.1%
III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS	2	N/A	N/A
IV. FINAL DISPOSITION	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u>	<u>% of All Bills/Papers</u>
A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed			
<i>Joint Study Orders</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Public laws</i>	28	30.8%	1.5%
<i>Private and Special Laws</i>	3	3.3%	0.2%
<i>Resolves</i>	6	6.6%	0.3%
<u><i>Constitutional Resolutions</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Enacted or Finally Passed	37	40.7%	1.9%
B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules			
Rules authorized without legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
Rules authorized with legislative changes	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total number of rules reviewed	0	0.0%	0.0%
C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor			
<i>Vetoed over-ridden</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Vetoed sustained</i>	0	0.0%	0.0%
<u><i>Held by the Governor</i></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	0	0.0%	0.0%

Note: A committee vote on a bill is not included here if the bill was subsequently re-referred to another committee or recommitted and carried over.

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LD 110 An Act To Require an Independent Audit of State Government Every 4 Years **ONTP**

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

LD 110 requires the State Controller within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to contract with an independent auditor to conduct a single fiscal year financial audit of the State Government every 4 years beginning in 2009.

LD 111 An Act To Designate May 1st of Each Year as Cold War Victory Day **PUBLIC 330**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUPREY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-334

LD 111 establishes May 1st of each year as Cold War Victory Day.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)

This amendment, which is the majority report, adds language to recognize the efforts of the military during the Cold War. This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-87)

This amendment, which is the minority report, changes the title of the commemorative day from Cold War Victory Day to Cold War Remembrance Day and changes the date from May 1st to November 9th. It adds language to recognize the efforts of the military during the Cold War. It removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill. This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "C" (H-334)

This amendment strikes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the original bill. LD 111 was recommitted to the State and Local Government Committee. Committee Amendment "C" was the majority report when it was reported out after being recommitted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 330 establishes May 1st of each year as Cold War Victory Day.

LD 129 An Act To Provide for the Nonpartisan Election of County Commissioners **ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOTHAM COURTNEY	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 129 allows for county commissioners to be elected on a nonpartisan basis. A candidate for county commissioner may not file as a candidate during the primaries.

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LD 130 An Act To Allow County Commissioners To Appoint Registers of Deeds

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 130 allows county commissioners to replace the position of elected register of deeds with an appointed register of deeds. It follows the process available to commissioners to replace elected treasurers with appointed treasurers by requiring a countywide vote on the question.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)

This amendment, which is the minority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 141 An Act To Clarify the Process for Public Improvement Construction
Contracts**

PUBLIC 9

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM	S-7

LD 141 clarifies the process for awarding public improvement contracts in unusual and emergency situations.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)

This amendment allows the competitive bidding process for public improvement contracts to be waived by the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in emergency circumstances only, and removes the language relating to unusual circumstances.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 9 allows the competitive bidding process for public improvement contracts to be waived by the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in emergency circumstances.

LD 142 Resolve, To Improve the Professional Development of County Officials

RESOLVE 3

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

LD 142 directs the Intergovernmental Advisory Commission to establish a working group to examine the professional development available to county officials and make recommendations on how to improve professional development, including the possibility of requiring new qualifications and updating those currently required for county officials. The working group shall also consider the feasibility of having county officials appointed where election is the current method of selection. The working group shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 15, 2008. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may report out legislation.

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Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 3 directs the Intergovernmental Advisory Commission to establish a working group to examine the professional development available to county officials and make recommendations on how to improve professional development, including the possibility of requiring new qualifications and updating those currently required for county officials. The working group shall also consider the feasibility of having county officials appointed where election is the current method of selection. The working group shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 15, 2008. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may report out legislation.

LD 154 An Act To Provide Reinstatement of Group Life Insurance for Public Employees Returning from Unpaid Military Leave

PUBLIC 17

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARSTOW	OTP-AM	H-9

LD 154 allows group life insurance to be reinstated for public employees returning from unpaid military leave without the employees having to provide evidence of insurability.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)

This amendment adds employees of participating local districts to those public employees whose group life insurance must be automatically reinstated when returning from unpaid military leave without having to provide evidence of insurability. It also makes the bill retroactive to any employee who is on military leave on or after January 1, 2007.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 17 allows group life insurance to be reinstated for public employees and employees of participating local districts returning from unpaid military leave without the employees having to provide evidence of insurability. The law is retroactive to cover any employee who is on military leave on or after January 1, 2007.

LD 202 An Act To Allow the Municipal Clerk To Inspect Municipal Election Ballots

PUBLIC 19

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLANCHARD SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM	H-8

LD 202 requires municipal clerks to inspect ballots prior to municipal elections.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)

This amendment allows municipal clerks to inspect ballots prior to municipal elections rather than requiring them to do so.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 19 allows municipal clerks to inspect ballots prior to municipal elections.

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LD 204 *Resolve, To Combine Payroll and Human Resources for All State Agencies into One Central Agency* ONTP

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

LD 204 directs the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to combine the payroll and human resources functions of the six service centers within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services into a single service center by June 30, 2008.

LD 205 *An Act To Require Regulatory Impact Estimates on Private Property* ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EMERY SNOWE-MELLO	ONTP	

LD 205 requires an agency adopting a rule to develop an impact statement specifying how the rule would affect private property values. The impact statement must specify whether the rule will have no significant impact, significant positive impact, significant negative impact or significant positive and negative impact. The impact statement must be made public no less than 45 days before the rule is adopted.

LD 214 *An Act To Improve Access to the Government Chart of Accounts* P & S 3

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-12

LD 214 reforms county government in the following ways:

1. It amends the county budget process so that all county budget committees are advisory and the county commissioners have the authority to adopt a final budget. It amends the budget process in the counties of Androscoggin, Aroostook, Knox, York, Waldo, Kennebec, Franklin, Oxford, Somerset and Penobscot.

2. It establishes an apportionment commission to increase the number of county commissioner districts to 5 or 7 in all counties except York County, which already has 5 commissioner districts, and Knox County and Aroostook County, both of which have county charters that set the number of commissioner districts at 3. It requires the apportionment commission to develop 2 plans, one that increases the number of county commissioner districts to 5 and one that increases the number to 7. Voters in each county vote on whether to accept the plan that increases the number of districts to 7. If the referendum fails, that county shall adopt the plan increasing the number of districts to 5. The plans chosen by county voters are to be submitted to the Legislature for enactment no later than January 15, 2009. Election of county commissioners must take place at the November 2010 election.

3. It requires the Department of Audit to post on its website the government chart of accounts for municipal and county governments.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-12)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It retains only the section of the bill that requires the Department of Audit to post on its website the government chart of accounts for municipal and county governments. It removes all the sections relating to increasing the number of county commissioners and making county budget committees advisory.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-13)

This amendment replaces the bill and is the minority report. It requires all counties that do not currently have a county charter to initiate a charter commission. The membership of the commission must be elected no later than the November 2007 election and the proposed county charter must be submitted to the voters no later than November 2008. Each charter must include the powers of the budget committees in that county. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature after the charters have been adopted in all counties making the necessary changes to the Maine Revised Statutes relating to budgetary procedures. The amendment retains the requirement of the Department of Audit to supply the government chart of accounts for municipal and county governments on its website.

Enacted Law Summary

Private & Special Law 2007, chapter 3 requires the Department of Audit to post on its website the government chart of accounts for municipal and county governments.

LD 217 An Act Regarding Penalties for Payments Made to the State That Are Rejected by a Financial Institution

PUBLIC 13

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

LD 217 clarifies that when a person makes a payment to any state department, agency, board, commission, authority or any other state entity and that payment fails as a result of insufficient funds, a closed account, no account or a similar reason, that person is liable for a \$20 penalty.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 13 clarifies that when a person makes a payment to any state department, agency, board, commission, authority or any other state entity and that payment fails as a result of insufficient funds, a closed account, no account or a similar reason, that person is liable for a \$20 penalty.

LD 226 An Act To Enhance the Concept of Representative Democracy by Ensuring Basic Compensation for Elected Representatives

ONTP

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

LD 226 requires the Executive Department, State Planning Office to develop a plan that sets the salary for members of the House of Representatives and the Senate at a level that meets a basic needs budget. The State Planning Office shall submit legislation to the Legislature in each even-numbered year to implement the salary plan. A salary plan that increases members' compensation may not apply to the Legislature that enacts it.

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LD 243 An Act To Establish Cancer Awareness Week and Lung Cancer Awareness Day

PUBLIC 27

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL	OTP-AM	S-13

LD 243 establishes November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month each year.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-13)

This amendment establishes November 1st to 7th as Cancer Awareness Week and November 1st as Lung Cancer Awareness Day.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 27 establishes November 1st to 7th as Cancer Awareness Week and November 1st as Lung Cancer Awareness Day.

LD 249 An Act To Establish May 25th as Missing Persons Day

**PUBLIC 28
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	OTP-AM	S-14

LD 249 establishes May as Missing Persons Month each year.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-14)

This amendment establishes May 25th as Missing Persons Day.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 28 establishes May 25th as Missing Persons Day.

Public Law 2007, chapter 28 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 4, 2007.

LD 312 An Act To Allow Plantations To Enact an Animal Control Ordinance

PUBLIC 35

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON MARTIN	OTP-AM	H-23

LD 312 allows an unincorporated township in the unorganized territory to place a noise ordinance on the ballot for that township in the next statewide election upon a petition signed by at least 25 residents of the township or 10% of the residents of the township, whichever is less.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)

This amendment allows plantations to enact an animal control ordinance.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2007, chapter 35 allows plantations to enact an animal control ordinance.

LD 336 An Act To Reauthorize the Community Preservation Advisory Committee

PUBLIC 458

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	S-22 S-351 ROTUNDO

LD 336 implements a recommendation of the Community Preservation Advisory Committee. It changes the repeal date of the law under which the committee operates from June 1, 2008 to June 1, 2016.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-22)

This amendment changes the repeal date of the Community Preservation Advisory Committee to 2012.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-351)

This amendment removes the 2008-09 appropriation, as the necessary funds are included in a legislative account in Public Law 2007, chapter 240.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 458 extends the law under which the Community Preservation Advisory Committee operates until June 1, 2012.

LD 342 An Act To Contract Out the State Single Audit

ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT

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

LD 342 requires the State Controller within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to contract with an independent auditor to conduct the state single audit of State Government every year beginning in 2008. It repeals the provision of law that currently gives the responsibility for the state single audit to the Department of Audit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-42)

This amendment, which is the minority report, adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-72)

This amendment eliminates the Department of Audit as of July 1, 2008 and requires the State Controller to submit legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government that distributes the duties and functions of the Department of Audit to other State Government entities, including the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of the State Controller.

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**LD 344 An Act To Modify the Membership of the Franklin County Budget
Advisory Committee**

ONTP

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

LD 344 allows municipal officials other than elected officials to serve on the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee, with the provision that a member whose position or department may be directly affected by a budget matter may not participate in a discussion or a vote on that matter.

**LD 353 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Require a 2/3 Vote of Each House of the Legislature To Enact or
Increase a Tax or License Fee**

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

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

LD 353 is a constitutional amendment to require the approval of 2/3 of all members of each House of the Legislature to enact or increase taxes or license fees except when inadequate funds have been appropriated for debt payment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-34)

This amendment, which is the minority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 430 An Act To Enable Unorganized Territory Townships To Become a
Municipality**

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

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

LD 430 develops a procedure for up to 3 townships in the Unorganized Territory to organize as a municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-175)

This amendment removes the requirement for a census to establish the resident population of the unincorporated township or townships. It prohibits the inclusion of a township without a resident population from the proposed municipality. County commissioners are required to send notice to all residents in the unincorporated township or townships discussing possible organization. Notice of the organizational meetings and public hearing must be mailed to the fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory, the director of schools in the unorganized territory, the supervisor of the unorganized territory property tax division, the director of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and a representative from a statewide organization representing municipalities appointed by the county commissioners. The amendment also requires that the effective date of organization be included in the organization procedure and specifies that the question must be in the referendum to finally approve organization.

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LD 466 An Act To Provide County Commissioners with an Enforcement Mechanism with Regard to Parking Ordinances

PUBLIC 41

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

LD 466 provides the same enforcement authority for sheriff's deputies as presently exists for municipal law enforcement officers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2671, subsection 3, thereby providing the county commissioners with an enforcement mechanism with regard to the parking ordinances they are allowed to enact under Title 30-A, section 121.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 41 provides the same enforcement authority for sheriff's deputies as presently exists for municipal law enforcement officers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2671, subsection 3, thereby providing the county commissioners with an enforcement mechanism with regard to the parking ordinances they are allowed to enact under Title 30-A, section 121.

LD 510 An Act To Amend the Membership of the Advisory Council on Tax-deferred Arrangements

ONTP

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

LD 510 increases the number of members on the Advisory Council on Tax-deferred Arrangements from 10 members to 11 members and amends the composition of the council to provide employee representatives from the judicial employee bargaining unit and the legislative employee bargaining unit.

Similar changes to the membership of the Advisory Council on Tax-deferred Arrangements were included in LD 259 and enacted as Public Law 2007, chapter 298. LD 259 was referred to the Committee on Labor.

LD 523 An Act To Provide for Enforcement of Land Use Limitations Relating to Cemeteries

PUBLIC 112

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANLEY S EDMONDS	OTP-AM	H-109

LD 523 specifies that a violation of the statutory limitations on construction and excavation near burial sites is a civil violation punishable by a fine. This provision is enforceable by municipalities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-109)

This amendment specifies that a violation of statutory limitations on construction and excavation near burial sites is a civil violation punishable by fines set in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4452 between \$100 and \$2,500 that may be assessed on a per-day basis. It also allows for the Attorney General's office to seek injunctive relief. The language in Title 13, section 1035 is amended to conform with updated statutes in Title 17-A, and section 1371-A is amended to conform to the rest of the chapter by replacing "graveyard" with "established cemetery."

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 112 specifies that a violation of statutory limitations on construction and excavation near burial sites is a civil violation punishable by a fine between \$100 and \$2,500 and it may be assessed on a per-day basis. It also allows for the Attorney General's office to seek injunctive relief. The law amends the language in Title 17-A to conform to the rest of the chapter by replacing "graveyard" with "established cemetery."

LD 556 Resolve, To Achieve Cost Savings of 7% in State Government

RESOLVE 57

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-37

LD 556 directs each state department to conduct an evaluation of its operations to determine if any of its programs and personnel could be reduced by 4% without affecting the ability of the department to complete its mission. Each department shall report the results of its evaluation and any potential cost savings to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services by December 15, 2007.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)

This amendment changes the savings percentage that state departments should look for from 4% to 7%. It also changes the reporting date from December 15, 2007 to a date set by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services that is consistent with the supplemental budget process.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 57 directs each state department to conduct an evaluation of its operations to determine if any of its programs and personnel could be reduced by 7% without affecting the ability of the department to complete its mission. Each department shall report the results of its evaluation and any potential cost savings to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services on a date consistent with the supplemental budget process that is set by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

**LD 601 Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Develop a
Purchasing Pool for Political Subdivisions of the State and School
Administrative Units**

ONTP

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

LD 601 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to develop a centralized statewide purchasing pool for political subdivisions of the State and school administrative units to buy motor vehicles so that all political subdivisions and school administrative units are getting the best prices and information.

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LD 622 Resolve, To Study the Need for and Placement of a Child Care Center in or near the State House Complex **ONTP**

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

LD 622 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources to study the need for a child care center in or near the State House Complex for state employees and their dependents. The study includes the costs, location and the potential number of children who would be cared for in the center.

The Department of Health and Human Services already has authority to conduct a feasibility study for a child care facility for state employees in conjunction with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services.

LD 638 An Act To Require Joint Planning and Development Board Review for Proposed Developments That Abut Municipal Boundaries **ONTP**

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

LD 638 requires a joint review by each municipality of proposals for subdivisions that share a common boundary with another municipality. Current law requires a joint review only for subdivisions that cross municipal boundaries.

LD 664 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Members of the House and Senate Be Assigned Seats That Correlate with Each Member's District for the Purpose of Enhancing Communications and Reducing the Perception of Partisan Gridlock **ONTP**

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

LD 664 is a constitutional amendment that requires members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to be assigned seats that correlate with each member's district.

LD 679 An Act To Clarify Portions of the Laws Governing InforME **PUBLIC 37**

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

LD 679 changes references to the Bureau of Information Services to the Office of Information Technology, reassigns responsibility for the Business Licensing Assistant program to the Office of Information Technology

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and clarifies language regarding funding of online initiatives.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 37 changes references to the Bureau of Information Services to the Office of Information Technology, reassigns responsibility for the Business Licensing Assistant program to the Office of Information Technology and clarifies language regarding funding of online initiatives.

LD 702 An Act To Allow Municipalities To Establish Foundations To Support Education

PUBLIC 405

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

LD 702 authorizes the establishment of municipal education foundations to support education. It directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to establish a template for municipalities to use to establish a foundation and authorizes municipalities to accept funds to endow the municipal education foundations.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 405 authorizes the establishment of municipal education foundations to support education. It directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to establish a template for municipalities to use to establish a foundation and authorizes municipalities to accept funds to endow the municipal education foundations.

LD 715 An Act To Disclose Legislative Spending

ONTP

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

LD 715 requires a detailed, line-item disclosure of the money spent by the Legislature to be posted on the Legislature's publicly accessible website along with comparative data from other rural states' legislatures.

LD 734 An Act To Improve Public Understanding in Rulemaking

ONTP

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

LD 734 requires a rule-making agency to make its principal source of information for a rule available to the public.

LD 785 An Act To Promote Green Power Use at State Buildings

PUBLIC 52

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIOTTI	OTP-AM	H-41

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LD 785 requires that by January 1, 2010 all electricity consumed in state-owned or state-leased buildings be supplied by renewable resources. It requires the chair of the Energy Resources Council to develop a plan to achieve this requirement and to submit that plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by April 1, 2008.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-41)

This amendment removes the requirement that state-leased buildings must consume electricity from renewable resources by 2010. The chair of the Energy Resources Council and the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services must develop a plan to increase the use of electricity from renewable resources in state-leased buildings. The plan must include a specific goal, strategies to increase the use of electricity from renewable resources and a requirement for newly leased space to be supplied with power from renewable resources. In addition, the plan must examine the extent to which state-owned and state-leased buildings are heated using renewable resources and strategies to increase that. The plan must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 15, 2007. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government is authorized to submit legislation.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 52 requires that by January 1, 2010 all electricity consumed in state-owned buildings be supplied by renewable resources. The chair of the Energy Resources Council and the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services must develop a plan to increase the use of electricity from renewable resources in state-leased buildings. The plan must include a specific goal, strategies to increase the use of electricity from renewable resources and a requirement for newly leased space to be supplied with power from renewable resources. In addition, the plan must examine the extent to which state-owned and state-leased buildings are heated using renewable resources and strategies to increase that. The plan must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 15, 2007. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government is authorized to submit legislation.

LD 905 An Act To Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act To Strengthen Safeguards for Small Businesses

PUBLIC 181

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RECTOR RAYE	OTP-AM	H-202

LD 905 requires an agency adopting a rule to develop and make available to the public an economic impact statement on small businesses prior to adoption of the rule. The contents of the notice must include where the economic impact statement can be obtained. If the economic impact statement is not prepared, the rule may not go into effect.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-202)

This amendment clarifies the language of the bill that requires agencies to prepare economic impact statements of proposed rules on small businesses. The statement must identify the types of small businesses subject to the rule, include a brief statement of probable impacts, and describe reasonable alternatives to the rule rather than all alternatives. It also repeals a similar but voluntary requirement in current law to prevent two parallel processes.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2007, chapter 181 requires an agency adopting a rule to develop and make available to the public an economic impact statement on small businesses prior to adoption of the rule. The contents of the notice must include where the economic impact statement can be obtained. If the economic impact statement is not prepared, the rule may not go into effect.

LD 917 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Reduce the Size of the Legislature to 132 Members

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON SAVAGE C	ONTP	

LD 917 is a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 99 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members to 33 members. The redistricting will be done in 2008 during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature and the reduction in the size of each legislative body takes effect in 2009.

LD 953 An Act To Provide for Nonpartisan Elections for Sheriffs ONTP

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

LD 953 allows for sheriffs to be elected on a nonpartisan basis. A candidate for sheriff would not be allowed to file as a candidate during the primaries.

LD 1007 An Act To Promote County-based Economic and Community PUBLIC 321
Development

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-160

LD 1007 allows counties in the State to adopt a statute conferring countywide economic powers to raise, appropriate, borrow and expend money for the purposes of county economic development through a countywide referendum. It makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,600,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 for the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide support to Maine's 16 counties of up to \$100,000 in state funding per county subject to a 1:1 match.

LD 1007 was co-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-160)

This amendment requires any bonds or salary expenses to be approved by a majority of the county budget committee, whether advisory or not. It also requires a 50% turnout by the voters for a bond approval, as is the current law, rather than changing it to 40% as in the bill. It strikes out the appropriations and allocations section of the bill but allows for the possibility of funding in the future. It broadens county development efforts to include community development as well as economic development.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2007, chapter 321 allows counties in the State to adopt a statute conferring countywide economic powers to raise, appropriate, borrow and expend money for the purposes of county economic and community development. Any bonds or salary expenses must be approved by a majority of the county budget committee, whether advisory or not. Bonds remain subject to approval by a county-wide referendum.

LD 1017 An Act To Protect Citizens' Privacy

ONTP

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

LD 1017 prohibits a state agency from using a social security number for the sole purpose of identifying a person in order to provide services to that person or to take enforcement action against that person.

LD 1021 Resolve, To Lower the Cost of State Government

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

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

LD 1021 establishes the bipartisan Commission to Lower the Cost of State Government to undertake a comprehensive analysis of State Government with the goals of consolidating functions and eliminating duplication and inefficiencies in the administrative and supervisory positions within the structure of State Government. The commission shall investigate and identify major sources of administrative excess, redundancy, inefficiency and program overlap with other state, local or federal programs. The commission is charged with submitting a report and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 8, 2008. The report must identify those administrative and supervisory positions, including positions in the unclassified service and major policy-influencing positions, that should be eliminated in order to result in a spending reduction of a minimum of \$30,000,000 annually. The commission is staffed by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-264)

This amendment, which is the minority report, makes a number of changes to the bill:

1. It changes the commission from a legislative study staffed by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to a study that is conducted and staffed by the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in consultation with an advisory committee.

2. It amends the membership of the advisory committee from 11 to 13. It includes an additional Senator and an additional member of the House of Representatives. It replaces the member of the Maine Development Foundation with a member representing municipalities. It requires one of the members representing business to represent small businesses. It requires a member of the public appointed by the Governor to be a retired state employee with expertise in state government financial matters.

3. It includes an examination of contracted personal services in the study of State Government.

4. It requires the report to be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial

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Affairs, in addition to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

5. It changes the date by which the advisory committee must have raised outside funding to support its activities from September 15, 2007 to July 15, 2007.

LD 1056 An Act To Change Building Requirements for County Buildings and Land

PUBLIC 151

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT MITCHELL	OTP-AM	H-148

LD 1056 exempts county registries that archive records off-site from the requirement that their buildings be built of brick or stone.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-148)

This amendment replaces the bill. It allows county registries to occupy buildings made of fire-resistant materials other than brick or stone. It exempts county registries that archive records off-site from the requirement that their buildings be made from brick or stone or other fire-resistant materials if the permanent records are held in a secure fire-resistant facility, records held temporarily for copying are stored in fire-resistant containers and the registry buildings meet applicable fire and life safety codes.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 151 allows county registries to occupy buildings made of fire-resistant materials other than brick or stone. It also exempts county registries that archive records off-site from the requirement that their buildings be made from brick or stone or other fire-resistant materials if the permanent records are held in a secure fire-resistant facility, records held temporarily for copying are stored in fire-resistant containers and the registry buildings meet applicable fire and life safety codes.

LD 1061 An Act To Accept the Determination of Public Opinion on Municipal Projects BY REQUEST

ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 1061 develops a process for a majority of voters in a municipality to overturn an approval for a governmental or commercial project. On the written petition of at least 10% of the voters of the municipality, municipal officers must hold a referendum vote on the project. If a majority of the voters at the referendum are in favor of overturning the approval for the project, then the project may not proceed.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-214)

This amendment, which is the minority report, replaces the bill. It requires municipal officers to provide notice of a public hearing to all residents within a one-mile radius or the entire municipality, whichever is the smaller, by mail at least 10 days prior to the hearing. This notice is necessary for all significant development projects, including, but not limited to, projects that: are at least 75,000 square feet in size; require licensing or oversight by the Department of Environmental Protection; involve public waste water treatment facilities; involve disposal of hazardous or toxic waste; or involve subdivisions. Everyone present at the public hearing must be allowed to testify. Notice must be provided whether the municipality has a planning board or the planning

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decisions are made at a town meeting.

LD 1091 Resolve, To Establish the Maine Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ADAMS	OTP-AM	H-85

LD 1091 creates the Maine Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission to develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-85)

This amendment makes a number of changes to the Maine Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission to develop and coordinate the commemoration of Maine's role in the Civil War. It changes the membership of the commission to 7 Legislators; adds the State Librarian or the State Librarian's designee; the State Historian or the State Historian's designee; the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee; and reduces the number of public members to 2. It requires the Legislative Council to administer the funding for the commission and allows outside funding to be used for activities and duties other than legislative compensation. It also makes a number of other technical changes related to reporting dates, staff assistance and terms of appointment.

LD 1122 An Act To Prohibit a Person from Serving as Both Municipal Tax Collector and Treasurer

ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 1122 prohibits a person serving simultaneously as both tax collector and treasurer of a municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-66)

This amendment, which is the minority report, adds an effective date of July 1, 2008, so that municipalities that currently have one person serving as treasurer and tax collector can elect 2 people at the next regularly scheduled election and avoid a special election.

LD 1132 An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank Laws

PUBLIC 48

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

LD 1132 clarifies that public waste disposal corporations may apply and qualify for municipal bond bank funding through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A in the same manner that a water, sewer or electric municipal corporation may.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 48 clarifies that public waste disposal corporations may apply and qualify for municipal bond bank funding through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank established under the Maine Revised

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Statutes, Title 30-A in the same manner provided for a water, sewer or electric municipal corporation.

LD 1135 An Act To Allow Municipal Cost Sharing for County Services

**PUBLIC 105
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE	OTP-AM	H-81

LD 1135 allows a geographically isolated municipality to enter into a cost-sharing arrangement for services provided by a county.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-81)

This amendment replaces the bill. It allows offshore island municipalities to enter into contracts with the county to provide rural patrol services by crediting to a municipality the portion of the county assessment that would be used for rural patrol of the municipality if it were on the mainland. The assessment credit must be negotiated annually between the island municipalities and the county. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 105 allows offshore island municipalities to enter into contracts with the county to provide rural patrol services by crediting to a municipality the portion of the county assessment that would be used for rural patrol of the municipality if it were on the mainland. The assessment credit must be negotiated annually between the island municipalities and the county.

Public Law 2007, chapter 105 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 11, 2007.

LD 1147 An Act To Impose a Modified Hiring Freeze in State Government

ONTP

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

LD 1147 requires any positions, funded wholly or partly by the General Fund or the Highway Fund, that are vacant on the effective date of the bill or become vacant after that date within the executive, legislative and judicial branches must remain unfilled. The only exceptions are positions that require confirmation by the Legislature and up to 5% of vacancies within each branch of government that are approved to be filled by the head of that branch. The State Budget Officer must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by May 15, 2007 detailing the savings achieved from the General Fund and the Highway Fund for 2007 and include proposed legislation that extends the hiring freeze through the 2008-2009 biennium but allowing for a maximum of 50% of all vacancies to be filled. The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs may submit legislation to achieve this purpose.

LD 1173 An Act To Clarify the Application of the Definition of "Tract or Parcel of Land" under the State Subdivision Laws

PUBLIC 49

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

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LD 1173 clarifies that when dealing with subdivisions created prior to September 22, 1971 any proposal submitted involving contiguous land under the same ownership that is separated by a public or private road is considered to involve separate tracts or parcels of land.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 49 clarifies that when dealing with subdivisions created prior to September 22, 1971 any proposal submitted involving contiguous land under the same ownership that is separated by a public or private road is considered to involve separate tracts or parcels of land.

LD 1191 An Act To Authorize a Local Bond Issue for Solid Waste, Storm and Drainage Issues and Transfer Stations ONTP

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

LD 1191 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the current law to allow a local bond issue in York County for funds for environmental uses, including solid waste, storm and drainage issues and transfer stations.

LD 1227 An Act To Require Posting of the State's Debt ONTP

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

LD 1227 requires that the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services post on the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' publicly accessible website a detailed disclosure of the State's debt.

LD 1238 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide 4-year Terms for Legislators ONTP

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

LD 1238 is a constitutional amendment to change the terms of Senators and members of the House of Representatives to 4 years. It provides for staggered terms by having half of the Senators and members of the House beginning 4-year terms in 2010 and the other half beginning in 2012. It retains term limits of 8 years, except that during the period of transition from 2-year to 4-year terms a limit of 10 years is imposed. Each Legislature would continue to consist of a 2-year cycle, with a first regular session and a second regular session. In order to ensure that terms remain staggered, a provision is added to require that districts retain like number designations during 10-year reapportionments and that a reapportionment plan not curtail or cut short a 4-year term before its expiration.

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LD 1247 Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Explore the Creation of a Department of Peace BY REQUEST ONTP

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

LD 1247 establishes a Study Commission to Explore the Creation of a Department of Peace.

LD 1264 An Act To Resolve Differences in the Laws Regarding Public Shade Trees ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 1264 gives municipalities the authority to plant, trim, cut and remove trees in the right-of-way, after giving notice to the abutting property owners. The property owners have the opportunity to appeal the decision and negotiate changes. Municipalities retain the authority to cut and remove trees without notice in emergency situations. Municipalities are required to adopt standards governing many aspects of maintaining trees in the right-of-way, including setbacks and utilities' plans to trim, cut and remove trees. Utilities are required to give customers and abutting landowners in the municipality notice of plans to cut, trim or remove trees in the right-of-way or that encroach on the right-of-way. Notice must also be posted at the municipal office.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-136)

This amendment, which is the minority report, amends the bill so that municipalities are not required to adopt ordinances or standards but may choose to do as long as those ordinances or standards do not include restrictions on utility companies. The amendment removes the requirements for utilities to comply with municipal standards or to provide additional notice to customers other than those requirements that currently exist in state law.

LD 1320 An Act Requiring the Development of Codes of Ethics by Component Units and Other Related Organizations of State Government PUBLIC 107

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

LD 1320 requires that all component units, public instrumentalities and independent agencies develop codes of conduct that will guide the operations and financial administration of such entities. The code is to be disseminated to employees of the entity and will be available for inspection by the general public.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 107 requires that all component units, public instrumentalities and independent agencies develop codes of conduct that will guide the operations and financial administration of such entities. The code is to be disseminated to employees of the entity and will be available for inspection by the general public.

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**LD 1322 An Act To Prohibit Constitutional Officers from Endorsing Candidates
for the Legislature**

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 1322 prohibits the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General from endorsing a candidate for the Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-263)

This amendment, which is the minority report, moves the prohibition on the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General to endorse a candidate for the Legislature from general provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5 to the chapters that are specific to each constitutional officer. It also prohibits the State Auditor from endorsing a candidate to the Legislature and changes the title to reflect that.

**LD 1336 An Act To Allow the Town of Kennebunk To Adjust the Definition of
Original Assessed Value for the Route 1 Municipal Tax Increment
Financing District**

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BABBIDGE	OTP-AM	H-176

LD 1336 clarifies potential ambiguity in the definition of the term "original assessed value" in the municipal development district law by making it clear that the reference date is made with regard to the prior tax year rather than to the prior municipal or calendar year for those projects that were based on the prior language and that funded only municipal infrastructure improvements.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-176)

This amendment replaces the bill. It changes it to a private and special law allowing the Town of Kennebunk to define "original assessed value" for the Route 1 tax increment financing district as the assessed value as of April 1, 2003.

Enacted Law Summary

Private & Special Law 2007, chapter 13 allows the Town of Kennebunk to define "original assessed value" for the Route 1 tax increment financing district as the assessed value as of April 1, 2003.

**LD 1365 An Act To Make Civil Process Fees on Papers Served on Behalf of the
State of Maine Consistent with Fees Paid by Other Governmental
Entities**

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLUMMER	OTP-AM	H-192

LD 1365 increases the fees paid to sheriffs and their deputies for services on behalf of the State.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-192)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 1374 An Act To Require Expense Reporting by Municipalities and Counties **ONTP**

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

LD 1374 requires a municipality and county to report expenses on the annual return that an assessor must file with the State Tax Assessor. The bill also requires a municipality or county that has a publicly accessible website to post this list on its publicly accessible website.

**LD 1441 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Establish the Maine State Endowment Trust** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODBURY PERRY J	ONTP	

LD 1441 is a constitutional amendment to establish the Maine State Endowment Trust for the purpose of providing funds to support the public mission of State Government.

**LD 1456 Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission To Study the
Operations of State Government** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GROSE BRYANT B	ONTP	

LD 1456 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill establishes a blue ribbon commission charged with the duty of studying the operations of State Government and its delivery of services and proposing efficiencies, economies of scale and means of conservation. Specifically, the blue ribbon commission is charged with examining potential areas for increased efficiencies, such as bidding for contracts and services; use of electricity and energy; and procurement of office supplies and service contracts. In addition, the blue ribbon commission is charged with causing an energy audit to be conducted in an effort to identify energy-efficient measures that can be implemented throughout State Government.

**LD 1462 Resolve, Regarding the Department of Audit's Municipal Internal
Control Observation Program** **RESOLVE 66**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WESTON	OTP-AM	S-156

LD 1462 clarifies that if a municipality has, for the most recent fiscal year, conducted and executed an annual post-audit, then participation in the Department of Audit's municipal internal control observation program or a similar observation program is voluntary.

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Committee Amendment "A" (S-156)

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Department of Audit to convene a working group with municipal officials, the Maine Municipal Association and other interested parties to determine the requirements of the municipal internal control observation program. The working group must consider whether the program is mandatory, whether the program's focus is on fraud or education and if the department website accurately describes the program. The Department of Audit shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 15, 2008. The Committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 66 requires the Department of Audit to convene a working group with municipal officials, the Maine Municipal Association and other interested parties to determine the requirements of the municipal internal control observation program. The working group must consider whether the program is mandatory, whether the program's focus is on fraud or education and if the department website accurately describes the program. The Department of Audit shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 15, 2008. The Committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

LD 1464 An Act To Expand the Duties of the State Planning Office To Provide Additional Services to Municipalities **ONTP**

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

LD 1464 expands the duties of the Executive Department, State Planning Office to include the provision of services to municipalities similar to those provided by the Maine Municipal Association.

LD 1475 An Act To Assist Maine Property Owners of Land near State-owned Railroads **ONTP**

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

LD 1475 requires 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 railroads.

LD 1515 An Act To Require That Notaries Public Keep Records of Notarial Acts **DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**

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

LD 1515 makes record keeping for all notarial acts performed by a notary public mandatory.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-225)

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This amendment excepts from the record-keeping requirement proposed in the bill, absentee ballot envelopes and candidate petitions. It also expands the minimum information required to be recorded to include the type, title or description of a set of documents comprising a transaction. It also requires the Secretary of State to provide notarial journals, at cost, or contact information for organizations that provide complete notary public supplies and services.

LD 1530 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Reduce the Size of the Legislature to 140 Members

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

LD 1530 is a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 105 members and to establish the size of the Senate at 35 members. Reduction in the size of the House of Representatives and freezing the size of the Senate take effect in 2015.

LD 1550 An Act To Amend the Term Limitation Laws for State Legislators DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

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

LD 1550 affects term limits for Legislators in the following ways and is contingent upon the adoption and ratification of a constitutional amendment in LD 1553 that would increase the number of years for a legislative term from 2 to 4:

1. Legislators would have a lifetime cumulative limit of 8 terms regardless of where those terms are served. The limit on 4 consecutive terms in one chamber would remain intact, thereby requiring a break in service to return to service in the same chamber for a 5th term.
2. The limits for serving as President of the Senate and Speaker of the House would be 2 consecutive Legislatures.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-506)

This amendment amends the term limit law to maintain the current maximum of 8 years in each chamber rather than the 16 years proposed by the bill. Like the bill, this amendment is contingent upon a constitutional amendment being adopted and ratified by referendum that would increase legislative terms from 2 years to 4. The amendment also requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to be reelected by their respective chambers at the beginning of the each odd-numbered regular session of the Legislature. The constitutional amendment and new term limit law would not take effect until the 2014 general election.

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**LD 1552 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Provide for the Reduction in the Size of the Legislature**

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

LD 1552 is a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 105 members and to establish in the Constitution of Maine the size of the Senate at 35 members. The redistricting will be done in 2008 during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature and the adjustments in the size of each legislative body take effect in 2009.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-266)

This amendment, which is the minority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 1553 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Increase the Length of Legislative Terms to 4**

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

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

LD 1553 is a constitutional amendment to change the terms of Senators and members of the House of Representatives to 4 years beginning with the statewide election in 2008. The reapportionment cycle would increase from 10 to 12 years to coincide with the 4-year legislative cycle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-509)

This amendment changes the terms of Senators and members of the House of Representatives to 4 years beginning with the statewide election in 2014 after the next regularly scheduled reapportionment rather than in 2008.

**LD 1614 An Act To Transfer All Registry of Deeds and Probate Functions to the
Secretary of State and Courts**

ONTP

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

LD 1614 transfers the functions of the county register of deeds offices to the Secretary of State, and transfers the functions of the county registers of probate to the office of the clerk of courts in order to regionalize services.

PART A amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, chapter 11, which governs registers of deeds, to transfer the functions of the registers of deeds to the office of the Secretary of State.

PART B amends Title 18-A, Article 1, Part 5, which governs registers of probate, to transfer the functions of the registers of probate to the office of the clerk of courts.

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PART C directs the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, with the advice and counsel of the Secretary of State, to develop legislation to implement the transfer of the register of deeds functions from the county to the office of the Secretary of State. Part C also directs the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, with the advice and counsel of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, to develop legislation to implement the transfer of the register of probate functions from the county to the office of clerk of courts.

LD 1618 An Act To Seek Direct Voter Approval To Exceed Government Spending Limits

INDEF PP

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

LD 1618 requires that the spending caps set in Public Law 2005, chapter 2 on school administrative units, counties and municipalities may be exceeded only if approved by the voters at a referendum.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-128)

This amendment, which is the minority report, allows counties to exceed the spending caps in Public Law 2005, chapter 2 only if it is approved by referendum and removes the sections of the bill relating to school administrative units and municipalities.

LD 1636 An Act To Extend the Right To Vote by Absentee Ballot at an Annual Town Meeting BY REQUEST

ONTP

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

LD 1636 allows a voter to vote on warrant articles at a town meeting by absentee ballot if the voter for any reason is unable to attend the town meeting.

LD 1663 An Act To Modify Daylight Savings Time According to Federal Statute

PUBLIC 129

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

LD 1663 requires that the standard time for the State be determined by federal law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 129 requires that the standard time for the State be determined by federal law.

LD 1678 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group on the State Purchasing Code of Conduct Laws

PUBLIC 193

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO	OTP-AM	S-102

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LD 1678 implements the recommendations of the working group on the state purchasing code of conduct laws. Specifically the bill:

1. Charges a vendor's fee of 1% of the amount of a winning bid by a supplier of apparel, footwear or textiles to the State to pay for the administration and implementation of the state purchasing code of conduct, including allowing the State Purchasing Agent to develop a consortium to monitor and investigate alleged violations of the code of conduct;
2. Amends the laws regarding the state purchasing code of conduct to allow a party found not to be in compliance with the code of conduct to provide continued access to independent monitors; and
3. Creates the Citizens' Code of Conduct Working Group, with 7 members appointed by the Governor and the State Purchasing Agent and Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Service as ex officio members, to advise the State Purchasing Agent on matters related to the state purchasing code of conduct and to help implement a monitoring consortium for the code of conduct.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-102)

This amendment amends the section of the bill relating to the 1% vendor's fee. Rather than requiring the fee, it gives authority to the State Purchasing Agent to charge the fee to reflect the fact that the consortium to monitor and investigate alleged violations of the state purchasing code of conduct is not yet operational. Rules adopted by the State Purchasing Agent with respect to the fee are changed from major substantive to routine technical. The amendment also requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to submit an annual report on the revenue generated by the vendor's fee to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 193 implements the recommendations of the working group on the state purchasing code of conduct laws. Specifically the law:

1. Allows the State Purchasing Agent to charge a vendor a fee of 1% of the amount of a winning bid by a supplier of apparel, footwear or textiles to pay for the administration and implementation of the state purchasing code of conduct, including allowing the State Purchasing Agent to develop a consortium to monitor and investigate alleged violations of the code of conduct;
2. Amends the laws regarding the state purchasing code of conduct to allow a party found not to be in compliance with the code of conduct to provide continued access to independent monitors;
3. Creates the Citizens' Code of Conduct Working Group, with 7 members appointed by the Governor and the State Purchasing Agent and Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Service as ex officio members, to advise the State Purchasing Agent on matters related to the state purchasing code of conduct and to help implement a monitoring consortium for the code of conduct; and
4. Requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to submit an annual report on the revenue generated by the vendor's fee to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters.

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LD 1705 Resolve, To Study the Enactment Procedures for Municipal Ordinances

ONTP

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

LD 1705 requires the Executive Department, State Planning Office to convene a working group of persons interested in studying and reforming the laws governing the enactment procedures for municipal ordinances. The office is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government with findings, recommendations and legislation to implement those recommendations.

**LD 1718 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Reduce the Size of the Legislature**

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BABBIDGE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-316

LD 1718 is a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 132 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members to 33 members. The reduction in the size of each legislative body takes effect in 2015.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-316)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1735 An Act To Facilitate and Promote Regional Cooperation

PUBLIC 215

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-265

LD 1735 addresses regional cooperation issues. It makes real or personal property used for providing regional services to 2 or more municipalities exempt from property taxation. It allows municipalities to enter into cooperative arrangements for activities such as transit, solid waste, household hazardous waste, economic development, code enforcement and joint purchasing and clarifies that these endeavors are cooperative regional government activities. It also requires the minutes of commission meetings to be provided on request and posted on a website, rather than mailed to every member of the planning board and all municipal officials, in order to save on printing and mailing costs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)

This amendment removes the section related to the property tax status of regional council buildings from the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 215 allows municipalities to enter into cooperative arrangements for activities such as transit, solid waste, household hazardous waste, economic development, code enforcement and joint purchasing and clarifies that these endeavors are cooperative regional government activities. It also requires the minutes of

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commission meetings to be provided on request and posted on a website, rather than mailed to every member of the planning board and all municipal officials, in order to save on printing and mailing costs.

LD 1776 An Act To Strengthen Budget Caps for Counties, Municipalities and School Districts ONTP

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

LD 1776 requires that the spending caps set in Public Law 2005, chapter 2 on school administrative units, counties and municipalities may be exceeded only if approved by the voters at a referendum.

LD 1793 An Act To Authorize Peaks Island, House Island, Pumpkin Knob and Catnip Island To Secede from the City of Portland ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

LD 1793 authorizes the incorporation of Peaks Island, House Island, Pumpkin Knob and Catnip Island into the Town of Peaks Island if the legal residents of those territories approve, by referendum, separation from the City of Portland and incorporation as a separate town. It requires a binding arbitration process for Peaks Island and the City of Portland if negotiation on secession fails. It also specifies the liability and rights of the City of Portland and the Town of Peaks Island if secession occurs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-151)

This amendment, which is the minority report, clarifies that the agreement between the Peaks Island territory and the City of Portland must to be submitted to a referendum election of the voters of the Peaks Island territory.

LD 1804 An Act To Permit Greater Voter Participation Regarding Municipal Expenditures ONTP

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

Under Public Law 2005, chapter 2, a municipality that adopts its budget through a town meeting may exceed the maximum spending targets imposed pursuant to L.D. 1 by the same process as long as it is done by written ballot. LD 1804 allows the municipal officers of a municipality that allows the spending targets to be exceeded by a vote at a town meeting to submit the question of exceeding the property tax levy limit to a referendum of the legal voters in that municipality.

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LD 1810 An Act To Enact the Informed Growth Act

PUBLIC 347

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARSTOW SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM A ONTP B OTP-AM C	H-355 H-383 BEAUDETTE S-236 SCHNEIDER

LD 1810 enacts the Informed Growth Act to supplement existing municipal project application review criteria with a comprehensive impact study specifically related to the impact of large-scale retail development. It requires an applicant seeking a permit to build a large-scale retail development that is larger than 75,000 square feet to pay for a comprehensive impact study, a public hearing and related municipal staff support in order to estimate the positive and negative economic and environmental effects of the project on the local area prior to permit approval. The study must be presented at a public hearing before the municipal reviewing authority held simultaneously with its review of the permit application. In order for approval for the application to be given, the municipal reviewing authority must determine, based on the comprehensive impact study, other materials and a public hearing, that the project would have no undue adverse impact on the local area.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-355)

This amendment makes a number of changes to the bill:

1. It removes the definitions of "aggregate of buildings or structures" and "market area" from the bill.
2. It includes a definition of "municipal reviewing authority" and clarifies that "office" means the Executive Department, State Planning Office.
3. It changes the defined term "comprehensive impact area" to "comprehensive economic impact area." "Comprehensive economic impact area" includes the municipality and the abutting municipalities in the geographic area affected by the proposed large-scale retail development rather than the market area of the development or 5 miles in all directions.
4. It changes the defined term "comprehensive impact study" to "comprehensive economic impact study." It estimates effects of the retail development rather than requiring positive and negative judgments. It removes other references to positive and negative effects. It also requires the preparer of the study to collect any studies on environmental issues that have already been carried out.
5. It limits the definition of "large-scale retail development" to a single retail business on a single site.
6. It clarifies the definition of "retail business establishment" by removing a reference to services.
7. It requires the study to be completed within 4 months of application rather than 6 months.
8. It requires the municipal reviewing authority and the applicant for the permit to agree on the preparer of the study from the list provided by the State Planning Office. If there is no agreement after 15 days, the municipal reviewing authority has the authority to choose the preparer.
9. It adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-356)

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This amendment, which is the minority report, is the same as Committee Amendment "A" (H-355) except that it requires the applicant for the permit to pay the \$40,000 fee to the municipality rather than to the State Planning Office. This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "A" (H-383)

This amendment provides an exemption from the Informed Growth Act for a municipality that has adopted economic and community impact review criteria that apply to large-scale retail development land use permit applications and that require a study of the comprehensive economic and community impacts of the proposed large-scale retail development for consideration, among other evidence, in applying the review criteria to the application.

House Amendment "A" (H-409)

This amendment allows a municipality to voluntarily adopt the Informed Growth Act and specifies that the Act does not apply to a municipality that chooses not to adopt it. It also replaces the requirement that the applicant for a permit pay a \$40,000 fee with language allowing the municipality to assess the fee necessary to conduct the impact study. This amendment was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-236)

This amendment clarifies that a municipality that, after the effective date of this Act, adopts economic and community impact review criteria that apply to large-scale retail development land use permit applications may be exempt from the provisions of the Informed Growth Act.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 347 enacts the Informed Growth Act to supplement existing municipal project application review criteria with a comprehensive impact study specifically related to the impact of large-scale retail development.

The law requires an applicant seeking a permit to build a large-scale retail development that is larger than 75,000 square feet to pay for a comprehensive economic impact study, a public hearing and related municipal staff support in order to estimate the effects of the project on the local area prior to permit approval. The study must be presented at a public hearing before the municipal reviewing authority held simultaneously with its review of the permit application. In order for approval for the application to be given, the municipal reviewing authority must determine, based on the comprehensive economic impact study, other materials and a public hearing, that the project would have no undue adverse impact on the local area. The preparer of the study must come from a list provided by the State Planning Office and must be mutually agreed upon by the municipal reviewing authority and the applicant for the permit. If there is no agreement after 15 days, the municipal reviewing authority has the authority to choose the preparer.

A municipality that has adopted economic and community impact review criteria that apply to large-scale retail development land use permit applications and that require a study of the comprehensive economic and community impacts of the proposed large-scale retail development for consideration as part of the review criteria for the application are exempt from the Informed Growth Act.

LD 1814 An Act To Allow Legislative Pay To Be Set by the State Compensation Commission

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Sponsor(s)

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Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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LD 1814 sets the level of compensation for Legislators to \$15,750 in the first year and \$11,250 in the 2nd year of each biennium beginning in December 2008 in accordance with the recommendations of the State Compensation Commission report of 1999. It also changes the State Compensation Commission so that its future recommendations do not require legislative approval. Any member of the House of Representatives or Senate may choose not to receive an increase in compensation that is recommended by the State Compensation Commission. This bill died on reference.

LD 1835 An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Notaries Public

PUBLIC 285

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

LD 1835 repeals and replaces the current law governing the appointment and renewal of commissions of notaries public. It includes a comprehensive process and criteria to evaluate a candidate for the office of notary public. It establishes a process for a resident of an adjoining state to be considered for the office of notary public. It also creates a review board to review a violation of notary law or a complaint concerning a notary public and provides a mechanism to deal with a violation or complaint.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 285 repeals and replaces the current law governing the appointment and renewal of commissions of notaries public. It includes a comprehensive process and criteria to evaluate a candidate for the office of notary public. It establishes a process for a resident of an adjoining state to be considered for the office of notary public. It also creates a review board to review a violation of notary law or a complaint concerning a notary public and provides a mechanism to deal with a violation or complaint.

LD 1840 An Act To Define the Process for a Municipality To Secede from a County

PUBLIC 401

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WESTON	OTP-AM	S-148

LD 1840 establishes a process by which a municipality may secede from one county and join another.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)

This amendment requires municipal officers to call a public hearing to discuss seceding from one county and joining another within 60 days of the petition rather than 30 days. It also requires the vote by the municipality to be held at a town meeting by written ballot if the municipal legislative body is the town meeting. The amendment changes the question for the county referendum to clarify that the voter is also approving the municipality continuing to pay debt service to the county that it is seceding from.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 401 establishes a process by which a municipality may secede from one county and join another.

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LD 1846 An Act To Allow Bayville Village To Separate from the Town of Boothbay Harbor and Affiliate with the Town of Boothbay ONTP

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

LD 1846 allows Bayville Village Corporation to separate from the Town of Boothbay Harbor and to affiliate with the Town of Boothbay if the legal voters of Bayville Village Corporation vote in favor of the separation and affiliation and the legal voters of the Town of Boothbay vote in favor of the affiliation.

LD 1867 An Act To Clarify the Intergovernmental Relationship between the Town of Boothbay Harbor and Bayville Village Corporation ONTP

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

LD 1867 amends Private & Special Law 1911, chapter 227, which created the Bayville Village Corporation, by repealing the provision that required 60% of property taxes raised by the Town of Boothbay Harbor on property located in Bayville Village Corporation to be annually paid over to the corporation for use in providing municipal-type services to the residents within the territory of the Bayville Village Corporation. It clarifies that the residents of Bayville Village Corporation are considered residents of the Town of Boothbay Harbor in all respects and that they are entitled to receive the same municipal services delivered in the same manner as any other residents of the town.

LD 1876 Resolve, Regarding the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
		H-400
		H-466 ADAMS

LD 1876 amends Resolve 2005, chapter 168, which established a task force to develop a plan for the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta. It adds to the existing membership of the task force representatives of the Department of Transportation and the judicial branch. It requires the task force to submit a 2nd report by November 15, 2007 with any recommendations regarding the cultural building. It also provides an appropriation of \$100,000 to contract with an architectural consultant and give the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government authority to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-400)

This amendment changes the membership of the task force to develop a plan for the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta by adding a representative of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, office of the Adjutant General and from the Friends of the Blaine House. It changes the report date to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters to January 15, 2009. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. It requires the task force to raise the \$100,000 necessary for architectural consultant services from private funds and requires the Department of Administrative and

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Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to administer the funds. If sufficient money is not raised privately by January 15, 2008, the Legislature is authorized to make up the difference. The consultant services must be contracted according to purchasing standards established for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services.

House Amendment "A" (H-466)

This amendment specifies that the task force may apply for New Century Community Program funds to provide funding for the task force and the architectural consultant; any funds received from the New Century Community Program are eligible to be matched by federal, state or local funds.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

LD 1878 An Act To Generate Savings by Changing Public Notice Requirements

CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1878 phases out, over a one-year period, the requirement that State Government, including the executive branch, departments, independent agencies, the Legislature and the judicial branch, and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, or LURC, publish legal or public notices in a newspaper. Instead, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, for State Government, and LURC, for the unorganized territory, are required to establish and maintain a publicly accessible Internet site on which to post all legal and public notices. In addition, the department and LURC are required to establish and maintain an in-state toll-free telephone number that allows a person in Maine to call and receive, by mail, any notice posted on the respective Internet sites.

For the first 6 months, from July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, every notice published in a newspaper by an entity of State Government or LURC is required to include an entity of statement with the printing of each public notice that notices will not be printed in newspapers after December 31, 2007 and the address of the Internet site and telephone number of the government entity or LURC, as the case may be. For the next 6 months, from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008, instead of publishing a notice, the government entity and LURC are only required to publish a statement that notices are no longer published in the newspaper and the address of the Internet site and telephone number where such notices may not be obtained. Finally, beginning July 1, 2008, no notices will be published in newspapers by a government entity or LURC.

Municipalities are allowed to publish legal notices in a newspaper medium distributed as 3rd-class mail if the municipal officers adopt a publication policy. The policy must contain 5 requirements: the newspaper of general circulation must have a subscription rate of less than 30% of the residents in the municipality; all households in the municipality must receive the alternative newspaper; the alternative newspaper must cost less than the newspaper of general circulation; the municipality must retain a record of all notices published in the alternative newspaper; and the publisher of the alternative newspaper must have a system of archiving past editions.

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services is required to submit legislation by December 15, 2007 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government that removes any statutory requirement that a government entity publish notices in newspapers.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-531)

This amendment delays and extends the phasing out of publishing legal or public notices in newspapers. The first phase, lasting from the effective date of this legislation until June 30, 2008, requires that legal and public notices be published in newspapers along with a notice informing readers that notices will be published only electronically after July 1, 2009. The second phase, lasting from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2009, requires that only a notice informing readers where notices can be found electronically may be published in newspapers. After July 1, 2009, all public and legal notices are to be published electronically.

The amendment removes the specific language of the notices from the bill and removes the requirement for a toll-free number to be included in the notice. It gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services the duty to resolve disputes. It allows the commissioner to waive the requirement for executive departments in the interests of the State. The same authority is granted to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council for the Legislature and to the State Court Administrator for the judicial branch. It also requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the State Court Administrator to provide annual reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters until January 15, 2010. Finally, it removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill and adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 1885 An Act To Repeal Inactive Boards and Commissions

PUBLIC 395

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-496 S-283 STRIMLING

LD 1885 repeals boards and commissions that did not file annual reports in 2005 or 2006, or that filed an annual report but indicated inactivity for 2005 and 2006. The boards and commissions being repealed are:

1. Education Commission of the States;
2. Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics Team;
3. Maine Higher Educational Attainment Council;
4. Pharmaceutical Cost Management Council;
5. Prescription Drug Advisory Commission;
6. Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council;
7. Work Center Purchases Committee;
8. Agricultural Products Utilization Commission;
9. Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine Workplace;
10. Maine Engineers Recruitment and Retention Advisory Committee;

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11. Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission;
12. Natural Areas Advisory Board;
13. Oil Spill Advisory Committee;
14. The State Compensation Commission; and
15. The Board of Directors of the Maine Consumer Choice Health Plan.

It also removes references to the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning, which has a sunset date of June 30, 2006; the General River Corridor Commissions, which were never formed; and the Commission on Performance Budgeting, which is repealed July 1, 2007.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-496)

This amendment removes a number of boards and commissions from the list to be repealed in the bill. Those boards and commissions being removed from the bill are:

1. Education Commission of the States;
2. Pharmaceutical Cost Management Council;
3. Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Council;
4. Maine Engineers Recruitment and Retention Advisory Committee;
5. Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission;
6. Oil Spill Advisory Committee; and
7. State Compensation Commission.

It also transfers the responsibilities of the Work Center Purchases Committee to the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and repeals the committee itself. It gives authority for the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters to submit legislation in the first regular session of each biennium in order to act on the Secretary of State's report without the need for a joint order.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-283)

This amendment, presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading, prevents a conflict by removing a section of the bill that amended a section of law amended by Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part RRRR, section 4.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 395 repeals boards and commissions that did not file annual reports in 2005 or 2006, or that filed an annual report but indicated inactivity for 2005 and 2006. The boards and commissions being repealed are:

1. Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action Tactics Team;

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2. Maine Higher Educational Attainment Council;
3. Prescription Drug Advisory Commission;
4. Work Center Purchases Committee;
5. Agricultural Products Utilization Commission;
6. Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine Workplace;
7. Natural Areas Advisory Board;
8. The Board of Directors of the Maine Consumer Choice Health Plan.

It also removes references to the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning, which has a sunset date of June 30, 2006; the General River Corridor Commissions, which were never formed; and the Commission on Performance Budgeting, which is repealed July 1, 2007. The responsibilities of the Work Center Purchases Committee are transferred to the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services while the committee is repealed. Finally, the law gives authority for the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters to submit legislation in the first regular session of each biennium in order to act on the Secretary of State's report without the need for a joint order.

LD 1892 An Act To Allow the City of Auburn To Adjust the Definition of "Original Assessed Value" for the City of Auburn's Mall Area Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and the City of Auburn's Downtown Area Municipal Tax Increment Financing District

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMSON SNOWE-MELLO	OTP	

LD 1892 allows the City of Auburn to define "original assessed value" for the City of Auburn's mall area tax increment financing district and the City of Auburn's downtown area tax increment financing district as the assessed value of those districts as of April 1, 2001.

Enacted Law Summary

Private & Special Law 2007, chapter 23 allows the City of Auburn to define "original assessed value" for the City of Auburn's mall area tax increment financing district and the City of Auburn's downtown area tax increment financing district as the assessed value of those districts as of April 1, 2001.

LD 1911 Resolve, To Authorize the State To Sell a Certain Property with Buildings Located within the City of Old Town

RESOLVE 117

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

LD 1911 directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to sell a portion of the land, with buildings, acquired by the State during the purchase of the West Old Town Landfill. This fulfills the agreement the former

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landfill owner had with United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine, which operates a temporary care facility at the site.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 117 directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to sell a portion of the land, with buildings, acquired by the State during the purchase of the West Old Town Landfill. This fulfills the agreement the former landfill owner had with United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine, which operates a temporary care facility at the site.

LD 1916 Resolve, Establishing an Apportionment Commission To Increase the Number of Androscoggin County Commissioners

RESOLVE 135

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANSLEY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-507 H-608 BARSTOW

LD 1916 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to increase the number of commissioners for Androscoggin County from 3 to 5. It puts the question out to the voters of Androscoggin County through a statewide referendum in November 2007.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-507)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve to establish an apportionment commission to develop a plan to redistrict Androscoggin County to increase the number of county commissioners to 5. The plan must be developed by October 1, 2007. The county commissioners may submit the plan to the county voters at referendum at the November 2007 election and to the Legislature for enactment during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. If the plan is approved, the election for commissioners of the new county commissioner districts must take place at the November 2008 election.

House Amendment "A" (H-608)

This amendment allows the Androscoggin County commissioners to establish an apportionment commission to increase the number of county commissioners from 3 to 5. It delays any increase in county commissioners in Androscoggin County until the November 2010 election. If the Androscoggin County commissioners establish an apportionment commission, it requires the plan to be developed by October 1, 2009 for submission to the voters at the November 2009 election. If the plan is approved, the election for county commissioners would take place at the November 2010 election.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 135 allows the Androscoggin County commissioners to establish an apportionment commission to increase the number of county commissioners in Androscoggin County from 3 to 5. If the Androscoggin County commissioners establish an apportionment commission, the plan must be developed by October 1, 2009 for submission to the voters at the November 2009 election. If the plan is approved, the election for county commissioners would take place at the November 2010 election.

LD 1922 Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell Interest in a Certain Parcel of Land

RESOLVE 120

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARTER	OTP-AM	H-583

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 1922 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell land donated to the State in the will of Biagio Mendolia with proceeds to benefit the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-583)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 120 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell land donated to the State in the will of Biagio Mendolia with proceeds to benefit the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services.

LD 1927 **Resolve, Regarding Options for Long-term Renovation and Use of the Buildings Formerly Occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute**

RESOLVE 121

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1927 amends Resolve 2005, chapter 201, which directed the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to develop options for the long-term plans for the buildings formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute and authorized the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out legislation regarding those plans to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. This bill authorizes the joint standing committee to also report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 121 amends Resolve 2005, chapter 201, which directed the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to develop options for the long-term plans for the buildings formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute and authorized the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out legislation regarding those plans to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. This resolve authorizes the joint standing committee to also report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

SUBJECT INDEX

Capitol Area/Capitol Complex

Not Enacted

LD 1876 Resolve, Regarding the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta CARRIED OVER

Constitutional Officers

Not Enacted

LD 1322 An Act To Prohibit Constitutional Officers from Endorsing Candidates
for the Legislature ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT

County Budget Process

Enacted

LD 1135 An Act To Allow Municipal Cost Sharing for County Services PUBLIC 105
EMERGENCY

Not Enacted

LD 344 An Act To Modify the Membership of the Franklin County Budget
Advisory Committee ONTP

County Government

Enacted

LD 142 Resolve, To Improve the Professional Development of County Officials RESOLVE 3

LD 214 An Act To Improve Access to the Government Chart of Accounts P & S 3

LD 466 An Act To Provide County Commissioners with an Enforcement
Mechanism with Regard to Parking Ordinances PUBLIC 41

LD 1007 An Act To Promote County-based Economic and Community
Development PUBLIC 321

LD 1056 An Act To Change Building Requirements for County Buildings and
Land PUBLIC 151

LD 1916 Resolve, Establishing an Apportionment Commission To Increase the
Number of Androscoggin County Commissioners RESOLVE 135

Not Enacted

LD 129	An Act To Provide for the Nonpartisan Election of County Commissioners	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 130	An Act To Allow County Commissioners To Appoint Registers of Deeds	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 953	An Act To Provide for Nonpartisan Elections for Sheriffs	ONTP
LD 1191	An Act To Authorize a Local Bond Issue for Solid Waste, Storm and Drainage Issues and Transfer Stations	ONTP
LD 1365	An Act To Make Civil Process Fees on Papers Served on Behalf of the State of Maine Consistent with Fees Paid by Other Governmental Entities	DIED ON ADJOURNMENT
LD 1614	An Act To Transfer All Registry of Deeds and Probate Functions to the Secretary of State and Courts	ONTP

Departments and Agencies of State Government

Enacted

LD 217	An Act Regarding Penalties for Payments Made to the State That Are Rejected by a Financial Institution	PUBLIC 13
LD 556	Resolve, To Achieve Cost Savings of 7% in State Government	RESOLVE 57
LD 679	An Act To Clarify Portions of the Laws Governing InforME	PUBLIC 37
LD 1320	An Act Requiring the Development of Codes of Ethics by Component Units and Other Related Organizations of State Government	PUBLIC 107
LD 1885	An Act To Repeal Inactive Boards and Commissions	PUBLIC 395

Not Enacted

LD 110	An Act To Require an Independent Audit of State Government Every 4 Years	ONTP
LD 204	Resolve, To Combine Payroll and Human Resources for All State Agencies into One Central Agency	ONTP
LD 342	An Act To Contract Out the State Single Audit	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 1017	An Act To Protect Citizens' Privacy	ONTP

LD 1021	Resolve, To Lower the Cost of State Government	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
LD 1147	An Act To Impose a Modified Hiring Freeze in State Government	ONTP
LD 1227	An Act To Require Posting of the State's Debt	ONTP

Legislature and Legislative Process

Not Enacted

LD 226	An Act To Enhance the Concept of Representative Democracy by Ensuring Basic Compensation for Elected Representatives	ONTP
LD 353	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a 2/3 Vote of Each House of the Legislature To Enact or Increase a Tax or License Fee	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
LD 664	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Members of the House and Senate Be Assigned Seats That Correlate with Each Member's District for the Purpose of Enhancing Communications and Reducing the Perception of Partisan Gridlock	ONTP
LD 715	An Act To Disclose Legislative Spending	ONTP
LD 917	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature to 132 Members	ONTP
LD 1238	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide 4-year Terms for Legislators	ONTP
LD 1530	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature to 140 Members	ONTP
LD 1550	An Act To Amend the Term Limitation Laws for State Legislators	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
LD 1552	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Reduction in the Size of the Legislature	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 1553	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Length of Legislative Terms to 4	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
LD 1718	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
LD 1814	An Act To Allow Legislative Pay To Be Set by the State Compensation Commission	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

Miscellaneous

Enacted

LD 336	An Act To Reauthorize the Community Preservation Advisory Committee	PUBLIC 458
LD 1173	An Act To Clarify the Application of the Definition of "Tract or Parcel of Land" under the State Subdivision Laws	PUBLIC 49
LD 1663	An Act To Modify Daylight Savings Time According to Federal Statute	PUBLIC 129

Not Enacted

LD 510	An Act To Amend the Membership of the Advisory Council on Tax-deferred Arrangements	ONTP
LD 1091	Resolve, To Establish the Maine Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission	INDEF PP
LD 1247	Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Explore the Creation of a Department of Peace BY REQUEST	ONTP
LD 1475	An Act To Assist Maine Property Owners of Land near State-owned Railroads	ONTP

Municipalities and Quasi-Municipalities

Enacted

LD 202	An Act To Allow the Municipal Clerk To Inspect Municipal Election Ballots	PUBLIC 19
LD 312	An Act To Allow Plantations To Enact an Animal Control Ordinance	PUBLIC 35
LD 523	An Act To Provide for Enforcement of Land Use Limitations Relating to Cemeteries	PUBLIC 112
LD 702	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Establish Foundations To Support Education	PUBLIC 405
LD 1132	An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank Laws	PUBLIC 48
LD 1336	An Act To Allow the Town of Kennebunk To Adjust the Definition of Original Assessed Value for the Route 1 Municipal Tax Increment Financing District	P & S 13
LD 1462	Resolve, Regarding the Department of Audit's Municipal Internal Control Observation Program	RESOLVE 66
LD 1735	An Act To Facilitate and Promote Regional Cooperation	PUBLIC 215

LD 1810	An Act To Enact the Informed Growth Act	PUBLIC 347
LD 1840	An Act To Define the Process for a Municipality To Secede from a County	PUBLIC 401
LD 1892	An Act To Allow the City of Auburn To Adjust the Definition of "Original Assessed Value" for the City of Auburn's Mall Area Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and the City of Auburn's Downtown Area Municipal Tax Increment Financing District	P & S 23

Not Enacted

LD 638	An Act To Require Joint Planning and Development Board Review for Proposed Developments That Abut Municipal Boundaries	ONTP
LD 1061	An Act To Accept the Determination of Public Opinion on Municipal Projects BY REQUEST	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 1122	An Act To Prohibit a Person from Serving as Both Municipal Tax Collector and Treasurer	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 1264	An Act To Resolve Differences in the Laws Regarding Public Shade Trees	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 1374	An Act To Require Expense Reporting by Municipalities and Counties	ONTP
LD 1464	An Act To Expand the Duties of the State Planning Office To Provide Additional Services to Municipalities	ONTP
LD 1636	An Act To Extend the Right To Vote by Absentee Ballot at an Annual Town Meeting BY REQUEST	ONTP
LD 1705	Resolve, To Study the Enactment Procedures for Municipal Ordinances	ONTP
LD 1793	An Act To Authorize Peaks Island, House Island, Pumpkin Knob and Catnip Island To Secede from the City of Portland	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 1846	An Act To Allow Bayville Village To Separate from the Town of Boothbay Harbor and Affiliate with the Town of Boothbay	ONTP
LD 1867	An Act To Clarify the Intergovernmental Relationship between the Town of Boothbay Harbor and Bayville Village Corporation	ONTP

Notaries Public

Enacted

LD 1835	An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Notaries Public	PUBLIC 285
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Not Enacted

LD 1515	An Act To Require That Notaries Public Keep Records of Notarial Acts	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
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Rulemaking

Enacted

LD 905	An Act To Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act To Strengthen Safeguards for Small Businesses	PUBLIC 181
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Not Enacted

LD 205	An Act To Require Regulatory Impact Estimates on Private Property	ONTP
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LD 734	An Act To Improve Public Understanding in Rulemaking	ONTP
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Spending Limits

Not Enacted

LD 1618	An Act To Seek Direct Voter Approval To Exceed Government Spending Limits	INDEF PP
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LD 1776	An Act To Strengthen Budget Caps for Counties, Municipalities and School Districts	ONTP
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LD 1804	An Act To Permit Greater Voter Participation Regarding Municipal Expenditures	ONTP
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State Contracts and Fiscal Procedures

Enacted

LD 141	An Act To Clarify the Process for Public Improvement Construction Contracts	PUBLIC 9
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LD 1678	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group on the State Purchasing Code of Conduct Laws	PUBLIC 193
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Not Enacted

LD 601	Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Develop a Purchasing Pool for Political Subdivisions of the State and School Administrative Units	ONTP
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State Government - General

Enacted

LD 111	An Act To Designate May 1st of Each Year as Cold War Victory Day	PUBLIC 330
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LD 154	An Act To Provide Reinstatement of Group Life Insurance for Public Employees Returning from Unpaid Military Leave	PUBLIC 17
LD 243	An Act To Establish Cancer Awareness Week and Lung Cancer Awareness Day	PUBLIC 27
LD 249	An Act To Establish May 25th as Missing Persons Day	PUBLIC 28 EMERGENCY
LD 785	An Act To Promote Green Power Use at State Buildings	PUBLIC 52

Not Enacted

LD 622	Resolve, To Study the Need for and Placement of a Child Care Center in or near the State House Complex	ONTP
LD 1441	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish the Maine State Endowment Trust	ONTP
LD 1456	Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission To Study the Operations of State Government	ONTP
LD 1878	An Act To Generate Savings by Changing Public Notice Requirements	CARRIED OVER

State Property

Enacted

LD 1911	Resolve, To Authorize the State To Sell a Certain Property with Buildings Located within the City of Old Town	RESOLVE 117
LD 1922	Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell Interest in a Certain Parcel of Land	RESOLVE 120
LD 1927	Resolve, Regarding Options for Long-term Renovation and Use of the Buildings Formerly Occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute	RESOLVE 121

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Not Enacted

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