

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT  
BILL SUMMARY



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168 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT Dow CONF.CMTE  
TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO PRO-  
VIDE THAT SENATORS SHALL SERVE  
FOUR-YEAR TERMS COMMENCING IN 1986

SUMMARY: ID 168 proposed to establish 4 year Senate terms for all Maine senators beginning in 1986. Currently 37 states have 4 year senate terms and 4 states have 4 year terms of office for Representatives. The Committee proposed to establish staggered 4 year senate terms beginning with the even-numbered districts in 1986 and the odd-numbered districts in 1988.

170 AN ACT TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF LAW Kany LV/WD  
ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONS OFFICER  
TRAINING

SUMMARY: ID 170 proposed to assess \$1.00 for each court proceeding in the State for violation of a criminal law, for a civil violation or infraction. The purpose of the bill was to fund ID 172 which would require part time law enforcement officers to receive law enforcement training. ID 270 was expected to raise \$100,000 which would be deposited in the general fund. The Maine Criminal Justice Academy would have been funded for implementing ID 172 from the General Fund.

172 AN ACT REGARDING TRAINING REQUIRE- Kany  
MENTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

SUMMARY: ID 172 proposed to require part-time law enforcement officers and reserve officers of a municipality or county to complete a course of training for part-time law enforcement officers. Part-time and reserve law enforcement officers would be required to pass an examination that tested the applicants' proficiency in the provisions of the Maine Criminal Code.

ID 172 also empowered the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to revoke or suspend a certificate issued by the Board to a part-time law enforcement officer for commission of a Class A, B, or C crime or for unfit performance.

ID 172 also changed the definition of a full time law enforcement officer from one earning \$4,000/yr to \$6,000/yr from law enforcement activities.

173 AN ACT GRANTING STATE EMPLOYEES FULL Clark,N. OTP  
POLITICAL RIGHTS

SUMMARY: ID 173 proposed to allow a classified state employee to solicit contributions during non-working hours and away from state property. This bill was reported out in two drafts, ID 1317 and ID 1318.