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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

<u>I.D</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
2313	AN ACT REQUIRING NONOWNER SPOUSES TO RECORD CLAIMS TO MARITAL PROPERTY UNDER DIVORCE LAWS, AND CLARIFYING THE NEED FOR THE NON-OWNER SPOUSE TO SIGN CONVEYANCES IN GENERAL.	Trafton	PL 1983, c. 748

SUMMARY: This bill sought to provide a simple and precise standard for all title attorneys and parties to real estate transactions to follow in the future concerning the question of the necessity of obtaining the signature of a nonowner spouse on a deed of conveyance.

It adds the requirement that nonowner spouses making claims to real property under divorce laws must record some notice of their claim in the registry of deeds before affecting title to the property of the owner spouse.

2318	AN ACT CONCERNING DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND FAILURE TO DISPERSE AND TO PROMULGATE A LAW ENFORCEMENT MANUAL	Bustin	LV/WD
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SUMMARY: Sought to decriminalize "disorderly conduct" and "failure to disperse" and remove vague references to "annoying" other people. Included language to prohibit law enforcement officers from ordering persons to disperse when they are invited guests at a person's home. Also sought to create a manual for the conduct of law enforcement and provide for distribution of the manual.

2342	AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE REAPPORTIONMENT LAWS	Trafton	PL 1983, c. 794
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SUMMARY: Made corrections to the reapportionment law enacted in the 1st regular session of the 111th Legislature.

2373	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SERVICES OF BAILIFFS AND OTHER COURT AND JURY OFFICERS	Trafton	PL 1983 c. 742
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SUMMARY: This new draft of LD 1846 amends a statute which currently permits the court officer for a municipal police department, i.e. the police officer in court to prosecute cases, to also serve as the bailiff. The bill makes this practice impermissible.