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#### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

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efficient, responsible, and accountable; and

3) the forestry agency in most other state governments is part of a larger natural resource department.

Committee Amendment "A" provided a more complete transition clause and an appropriation of roughly \$450,000 for the biennium to cover the cost of establishing the new department.

LD:

448

AN ACT RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF AND THE PAYMENT OF PER DIEM TO BOARDS .

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#### SUMMARY:

LD 448, as originally proposed, changed the composition of the Board of Accountancy and the per diem rate paid to board members. Currently, the 7-member board is composed of 3 certified public accountants, 3 noncertified public accountants and one public member. The bill reduces the board of 5 members, 3 of whom are certified public accountants, one of whom is a noncertified public member and one of whom represents the public.

The number of noncertified public accountants is rapidly diminishing as more and more accountants seek certification in order to obtain the better accounting positions that are available.

The bill also increases the rate of per diem from \$35 a day to \$50 a day, which is paid from certification fee revenues.

The Committee amended the bill to change the quorum requirement from 4 members to 3 members.