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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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 First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1249 AN ACT TO INCLUDE THE TERM 'SEXUAL
ORIENTATION' IN THE MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

NAJARIAN
BUSTIN
BALDACCI
CONNOLLY

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SENATE Insist - Conf. Asked
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SUMMARY:

Sought to amend the Maine Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit. The Committee Amendment proposed to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in public accommodations, credit, and housing, except that housing discrimination would not have been unlawful where the landlord lived in the building and the building contained less than 6 rental units, or where the rental dwelling was owned or operated for a noncommercial purpose by a religious corporation.

LD: 1250 AN ACT TO TRANSFER PROBATE JURISDICTION TO
THE SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURTS

TRAFTON
CHALMERS
WARREN
BELL

CARRY OVER HOUSE Ref'd to Committee
SENATE Ref'd to Committee
GOV

SUMMARY:

Seeks to transfer the jurisdiction of the Probate Courts to the Superior Court and District Court. Under its provisions, all of the probate matters formerly handled in the Probate Courts under the Probate Code, the Revised Statutes, Title 18-A, will go to the Superior Court. Certain miscellaneous matters contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 19 and 22, will, in turn, go to the District Court. In addition, District Court Judges would have standing authority to act in Superior Court on probate matters involving protection proceedings for adults and children.

The system of probate registers and offices that has administratively served the Probate Courts will be retained without change, except that the registers and offices will be state funded as opposed to county funded and will be supervised by the Supreme Judicial Court and the Chief Justice of the Superior Court.