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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

approval, to a municipality or county which contributed to the investigation of the criminal case to which the property is related. The court may order forfeiture of other property to the General Fund accomplished by sale at public auction; with the approval of the Attorney General, to a state agency, municipality or county which contributed to the pertinent criminal investigation; or to a municipality or county which contributed to the pertinent criminal investigation after the property has been turned into money at public auction and with the Attorney General's approval.

Under the bill, the approval of other governmental bodies must be had before certain property forfeited may be accepted by the agency to which it is forfeited. When an asset is forfeited to other than the General Fund, the title transfers only when:

- 1. The Legislature approves the transfer of an asset forfeited to a state agency;
- 2. The county commissioners approve the transfer of an asset forfeited to a county agency; or
- 3. The elected governing body of a municipality approves the transfer of an asset forfeited to a municipal agency.

LD 2141

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT TO AUTHORIZE EMPLOYEES OF THE BUREAU OF TAXATION AND THE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COURT PROCEEDINGS

PL 1985 c. 598

Sponsor: CASHMAN, Twitchell, Beaulieu, Kane Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1931.

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill allows employees of the Bureau of Employment Security and the Bureau of Taxation to represent their respective bureaus in certain court proceedings even though they are not attorneys. This representation may only occur under the following conditions:

Only upon promulgation of and in accordance with rules adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court may employees of the Bureau of Employment Security serve civil process and represent the Department of Labor in civil disclosure hearings, and may employees of the Bureau of Taxation serve civil process and represent the State in civil disclosure hearings and appear in arraignments concerning tax law violations under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 807-A. These rules must establish standards and a method to certify employees as being familiar with court procedures. These provisions are repealed on April 1, 1988.