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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

LD An Act to Prohibit Publication of Names of Concealed Weapon ND 2487
2069 Permit Holders

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ROTONDI	OTP-ND	
EMERSON		
JACQUES		

SUMMARY
Replaced By LD 2487

LD An Act Concerning Elected Clerks Handling Absentee Ballots PUBLIC
2084 572
EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JALBERT	OTP-AM	H-449
STEVENS A		
TELOW		

SUMMARY
Current law prohibits any candidates, including elected municipal clerks, from handling absentee ballots. The original bill would exempt elected municipal clerks from the prohibition.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-449) adds an emergency preamble and clause to make the change take effect immediately and cover the town meetings. The amendment exempts only elected clerks in uncontested elections. In contested elections, the municipalities must pay the cost of hiring a deputy or assistant clerk.

LD An Act to Clarify Late Charges for Residential Dwelling PUBLIC
2094 Units 605

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
PRIEST	OTP	
KANY		

SUMMARY
Current law limits the penalties a landlord may charge for the late payment of rent. This bill clarifies that the law applies only to residential rents.