

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 151      An Act to Authorize Residents of Municipalities to Amend Proposed Ordinances at Town Meetings      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAYO SKOGLUND MARSANO	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended existing law to make it clear that residents at a town meeting had the authority to amend a proposed ordinance and were not limited to voting for or against a proposed ordinance.

**LD 164      An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Laws to Include the 7 Campuses of the University of Maine System as Part of State Government      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
O'DEA ADAMS CAHILL M	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have removed the exception of public records of the University of Maine System from the freedom of access laws.

**LD 168      An Act to Reduce the Number of Full-time Legislative Staff Employees      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY GARLAND WEBSTER	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have limited the number of full-time legislative staff members to 85 by freezing the number of members at its current level. No new staff member would have been hired until the present number was reduced to 85 full-time staff members. Any vacant positions would have been filled at the discretion of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

**LD 169      An Act to Preserve Maine's Part-time Citizen Legislature by Making the Legislative Process More Efficient and Less Costly to Maine Taxpayers      ONTP-MAJ REP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY GARLAND WEBSTER	ONTP      MAJ OTP      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have reduced the salaries of Legislators by 20%, shortened the legislative sessions and prohibited all Friday sessions except during the last 4 Fridays of a regular session.