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BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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.

- A. Deleted the requirement that the Office of Substance Abuse reimburse all costs for new beds designated for involuntary commitment at approved treatment facilities after July 1, 1992.
- B. Required that the facility administrator prepare an emergency treatment order for a patient leaving a treatment facility against medical advice who is also considered to be in imminent danger of self-harm.

Senate Amendment "D" (S-420) deleted those portions of the committee amendment that established procedures for involuntary treatment for certain chemically dependent persons and emergency treatment orders. The amendment also removed the provision that deappropriated funds concerning the position of the Director of Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention but demoted the position to a Comprehensive Health Planner II with a compensatory salary decrease. This amendment repealed the Driver Education and Evaluation Program appeals board effective July 1, 1992 and removed consideration for providers who make capital investments. The amendment removed the authority of the Office of Substance Abuse to submit legislation directly to the Legislature, corrected a line in the appropriation section and replaced the fiscal note to reflect these changes.

**LD 176      An Act to Define the Boundary between the Towns of Madison, Norridgewock and Skowhegan      P & S 4**

SPONSOR(S) WEBSTER HEPBURN KETTERER	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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**SUMMARY**

This bill defined and described the location of the boundary line between the Towns of Madison, Norridgewock and Skowhegan.

**LD 182      An Act to Limit Certain Terms of Office      ONTP-MAJ REP**

SPONSOR(S) HOLLOWAY	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM    MIN	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have limited to 2 the number of terms that a person could serve as President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**LD 190      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit the Governor's Term of Office      ONTP-MAJ REP**

SPONSOR(S) HOLLOWAY NORTON	COMMITTEE REPORT ONTP      MAJ OTP      MIN	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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**SUMMARY**

This resolution would have amended the Constitution of Maine to limit the term of office of Governor to a total of 2 popular elective 4-year terms, regardless of whether those 2 terms were served consecutively.