

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
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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 281      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of      ONTP**  
**Maine to Require That Local Units of Government Be**  
**Reimbursed for the Costs Incurred in Executing State-**  
**mandated Programs**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FOSS SMALL REED G CAHILL P	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This constitutional resolution proposed a constitutional referendum that, if passed, would have required that the Legislature reimburse local units of government for any expenditures over \$100,000 incurred by the local unit as a result of the implementation of any state law or rule.

**LD 293      An Act to Change the Composition of the Advisory Council on      PUBLIC 108**  
**Deferred Compensation Plans**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DAGGETT BERUBE MORRISON NORTON	OTP-AM	H-88

**SUMMARY**

This bill transferred the administration of the deferred compensation program to the Maine State Retirement System, placed the Executive Director of the Maine State Retirement System on the Advisory Council on Deferred Compensation Plans and reduced the number of employee representatives on the advisory council to 3. Additionally, the bill transferred appointing authority for the 3 employee representatives to the Board of the Maine State Retirement System.

Committee Amendment "A" eliminated the transfer of administration to the Maine State Retirement System, but retained the change of membership on the advisory council and changed the title of the bill. The amendment returned appointing authority to the Governor, but required that the appointed employees be recommended from the 3 major groups that represent state employees: the Maine State Employees Association, the American Federation of State and Municipal Employees and the Maine State Troopers Association.

**LD 294      An Act to Improve Transportation Energy Efficiency      PUBLIC 207**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HEESCHEN HOLT SIMONDS MILLS	OTP-AM	H-235

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibited the State Purchasing Agent from purchasing any car or light duty truck for use by the State, with the exception of vehicles used for law enforcement, unless the vehicle met minimum fuel efficiency standards.