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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| PUBLIC XXX | <i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i> |
| P&S XXX | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i> |
| RESOLVE XXX | <i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i> |
| CON RES XXX | <i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i> |
| EMERGENCY | <i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i> |
| CARRIED OVER | <i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i> |
| FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT | <i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i> |
| ONTP | <i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i> |
| LVWD | <i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i> |
| INDEF PP | <i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i> |
| DIED BETWEEN BODIES | <i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i> |
| VETO SUSTAINED | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i> |
| UNSIGNED | <i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i> |
| DIED ON ADJOURNMENT | <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 310 An Act to Establish September Primary Elections**ONTP**

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| MARSH | ONTP | |
| GAUVREAU | | |
| PLOURDE | | |
| HASTINGS | | |

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the date of primary elections in Maine from the 2nd Tuesday in June to the 2nd Tuesday in September, and would have correspondingly changed the dates for signing and filing primary petitions and nomination petitions for unenrolled candidates. See also LD 35.

LD 315 An Act to Amend the Election Laws Dealing with Local Elections**PUBLIC 83**

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| AULT | OTP-AM MAJ | H-86 MAJ REP |
| NORTON | ONTP MIN | |
| BUTLAND | | |
| BERUBE | | |

SUMMARY

The bill removed the requirement that voters include the municipality of residence along with the name of any write-in candidates in municipal elections.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-86) permits voters in local elections to vote for a write-in candidate without including the municipality of residence of the candidate, but only in an election in which residency is a requirement to hold the office. The amendment also adds a provision necessary to apply this rule to ballots as well as to nominating papers.

LD 327 An Act to Authorize Law Enforcement Officers of the University of Maine System to Enforce Municipal Parking Ordinances**ONTP**

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|
| MANNING | ONTP | |
| MILLS | | |
| LAWRENCE | | |

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed law enforcement officers of the University of Maine System to enforce municipal parking ordinances in areas adjacent to university campuses. Instead of recommending passage of the bill, the committee sent a letter to Portland's mayor requesting that he work with the University of Southern Maine to alleviate parking problems in areas adjacent to that university.