

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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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 347

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for 4-year Terms for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAHANY	ONTP MAJ	
ANDERSON	OTP-AM MIN	
CONLEY		
LARRIVEE		

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposed a referendum to amend the Constitutional by increasing the terms of office for Legislators from 2 year to 4 years, following the general election in 1994. The Legislature would have continued to meet every year, but the business in all even numbered regular sessions would have been subject to the same category restrictions that currently apply to the second regular session.

**LD 355**

**An Act to Clarify the Powers and Duties of a Sheriff**

**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI	LV/WD	
DUFFY		
TARDY		
STROUT		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have clarified that a sheriff is the chief county law enforcement officer.

LD 363

**An Act Allowing Local Governments to Accept Federal and State Funds**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY	OTP-AM	S-63
GOULD R A		S-74 BERUBE

**SUMMARY**

This bill allowed municipalities to accept funds provided by the Legislature or the Federal Government by including a general article to that effect on the town meeting warrant. It applied to town meetings held after January 1, 1991.

Committee Amendment "A" eliminated the proposed new section of law and amended existing law to include the option of using a general article to accept all state and federal funds while retaining the two original article options. The amendment also required that municipalities using the general article option obtain the approval of municipal residents for the final allocation of any additional funds the municipality accepts. This amendment does not effect the retroactivity section or the emergency clause.

Senate Amendment "A" allowed the use of a general article for acceptance of federal funds only.