

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
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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:

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 490

An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Affecting the Maine State Archives, Admissibility of Documents and Local Government Records

PUBLIC 172

SPONSOR(S)
BERUBE
FARNSWORTH
WATERMAN
FOSTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provided patrons of the Maine State Archives the same right to privacy as is provided to patrons of libraries in Maine, clarified the status of an optical disk that is not erasable as an acceptable storage medium for records admissible in court proceedings and changed the class of crime from Class D to Class E for persons who violate the provisions of the local government records law.

LD 492

An Act to Declare Western Style Square Dancing as the Official State Dance

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
THERIAULT
PINEAU
MARTIN H

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have designated western style square dancing as the official state dance.

LD 502

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Lower the Minimum Age Requirement for Senators and Members of the House of Representatives

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
BRAUN
DONNELLY
BENNETT

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This constitutional resolution would have provided for a referendum on the issue of lowering the minimum age requirement of Legislators to 21 years for State Senators and 18 years for members of the State House of Representatives.

LD 508

An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Coal-fired Plant for Electrical Energy Production

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
GOULD R R
SWAZEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have directed the Secretary of State to hold a special advisory referendum at the next special statewide election to determine whether the voters of the State favor the establishment of a coal-fired, energy producing plant with the capacity of burning 1,500 tons of coal per day.