

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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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.

**LD 537 An Act to Prohibit Persons Holding State, County or Municipal Office from Soliciting Election Funds from Their Employees**

**ONTP-MAJ REP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CARPENTER	ONTP MAJ	
NASH	OTP-AM MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided that state, county and municipal office holders may not directly solicit election funds from their employees and would have made any violation of this provision a Class E crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-40), part of the minority committee report, would have prohibited solicitation from any employee, regardless of whether the employee is directly employed by the office holder.

**LD 552 An Act Concerning Campaign Sign Posts**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WHITCOMB	ONTP	
MARSH		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the use of wire on political advertising sign posts.

**LD 557 An Act Concerning the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**

**PUBLIC 86**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HANDY	OTP-AM	H-67
MAYO		
GWADOSKY		

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the appointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Elections Practices of a person holding the position of treasurer of a political action committee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-67) replaces the bill and prohibits any officer of a political action committee, party committee or political committee from serving on the Commission.

**LD 560 An Act Concerning Municipal Clerk Office Hours on the Saturday Preceding a Statewide Election**

**ONTP-MAJ REP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
KILKELLY	ONTP MAJ	
LARRIVEE	OTP MIN	
STEVENS A		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the law requiring municipal clerks' offices to be open on the Saturday immediately preceding a statewide election by making this provision optional for municipalities having fewer than 2,500 registered voters.