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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
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:

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

ONTP-MAJ REP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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.