

# 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  
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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:

<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 808**

**An Act to Provide Information to Persons Voting on Bonded Indebtedness Proposals**

**PUBLIC 269**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
ANTHONY  
BERUBE  
LOOK  
WATERMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-298

**SUMMARY**

This bill mandated that municipal bond referenda have the same financial disclosure requirements as state bond referenda.

Committee Amendment "A" added the same requirements for the counties.

**LD 821**

**An Act to Regulate the Disposition of State Surplus Property**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
RICHARDS  
BERUBE  
EMERSON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Commissioner of Administration promulgate rules controlling the disposition of surplus state property. The committee sent a letter to the Acting Commissioner asking that rules be promulgated and presented to the committee by January 15, 1992.

**LD 825**

**An Act to Clarify the Definition of State Employee in the State Employee Labor Relations Laws**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JOSEPH  
BUSTIN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have clarified the procedure that a public employer must take in order to exempt a new position from the definition of "state employee" under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 9-B. This bill permitted the State to file a petition for unit clarification after the new position is established to avoid any delay in filling new positions.

**LD 887**

**An Act to Strengthen Municipal Borrowing Alternatives**

**PUBLIC 605**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PRAY  
KANY  
CLARK H  
MICHAUD

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-299  
S-444 BRANNIGAN

**SUMMARY**

This bill directed the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to establish new methods for providing assistance to