

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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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 961 An Act to Permit Earlier Repayment of Contributions to the  
Maine State Retirement System**

**PUBLIC 325**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CLARK N JALBERT AULT HEINO	OTP-AM	S-209 MCCORMICK

**SUMMARY**

This bill gives an employee who has been laid off and who has withdrawn contributions to the Members' Contribution Fund of the Maine State Retirement System the option to repay earlier contributions to the fund immediately upon restoration to membership. Currently, the repayment may not be made until at least 2 years after restoration to membership.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-209) adds a fiscal note to the bill

Committee Amendment "A" (S-172) (not adopted) was printed in error and should have been printed as an amendment to another bill.

**LD 963 An Act to Provide for the Payment of Late Fees by School  
Administrative Units and Participating Local Districts That  
Are Delinquent in Paying Contributions to the Maine State  
Retirement System**

**PUBLIC 185**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
THERIAULT	OTP-AM	S-102

**SUMMARY**

This bill permits the assessment of late fees to school administrative units and participating local districts that are delinquent in paying contributions to the Maine State Retirement System.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-102) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 986 An Act to Amend the Provisions of the Maine State Retirement  
System Laws Relating to Benefits of Inactive Members Who  
Retire after Normal Retirement Age**

**LV/MD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
JALBERT	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill limits payment of retirement options for persons who are not in service if the application for service retirement benefits is received by the retirement system more than one year following the attainment of normal retirement age.

The bill also requires that, before January 1, 1992, the Maine State Retirement System notify each inactive vested member who is over normal retirement age before that date that if the member does not file an application for retirement benefits before January 1, 1993, the method in which the benefits will be paid will be limited to full benefits.