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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL 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:

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 1076 **Resolve, Authorizing Pamela LaTourneau, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard LaTourneau III, and Pamela LaTourneau and Richard LaTourneau, Jr. to Bring Civil Action against the State** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CONLEY ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized Pamela LaTourneau as personal representative of the estate of Richard LaTourneau III, and Pamela LaTourneau and Richard LaTourneau, Jr. to bring a civil action against the State for damages resulting from the alleged negligence of the Department of Human Services concerning the death of Richard LaTourneau III after he was placed in a foster home.

LD 1078 **An Act to Allow Ballot Clerks Access to Ballots Up to 2 Hours before the Polls Open** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
TITCOMB ONTP
SIMPSON
KONTOS

SUMMARY

This bill would have permitted clerks to have access to election ballots 2 hours before the polls open. Current law permits access to the ballots 1/2 hour before the polls open. See LD 1656.

LD 1084 **An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Voter Registration** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
BERUBE ONTP
EMERSON
LOOK
ROTONDI

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed election laws requiring voter registration offices to be open on certain days before election day.

LD 1105 **An Act to Encourage Students to Register and Vote** **PUBLIC 399**

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
LARRIVEE OTP-AM H-452
KONTOS

SUMMARY

The bill allows residents who are 17 years of age to register to vote at any time during their 17th year. At present, they can only register during the 6 months prior to their 18th birthday. It also removes the requirement that in order to register to vote residents who are 17 years of age must state that they will be outside the State at an educational institution or in the Armed Forces when they turn 18 years of age.