

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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 1102 An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Create Regional Public Safety Districts**

**ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
COLES  
KETOVER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed municipalities to create regional public safety districts for the purpose of providing a range of public safety services to their members. When a regional public safety district formed under this proposed law provided a service that duplicated a service provided by the counties, the counties were not permitted to charge a municipality that had joined the district for that service. The bill also made the establishment of E-9-1-1 centers discretionary rather than mandatory for the counties and required the Department of Public Safety to do a cost and benefit analysis before paying for E-9-1-1 equipment in a county center or a district center. It also extended the date for municipal compliance with the E-9-1-1 program from July 1, 1991 to July 1, 1994.

**LD 1107 An Act to Clarify the Appointment and Dismissal of the Warden of the Maine State Prison**

**PUBLIC 310**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HEPBURN  
PENDLETON  
MANNING

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill removed conflicting wording and clarified that the Warden of the Maine State Prison does not serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Corrections but is subject to the Civil Service Law.

**LD 1109 An Act to Allow Supplemental Dependent Life Insurance for State Employees**

**ONTP-MAJ REP**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MITCHELL E  
RAND  
LARRIVEE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided the opportunity for state employees to purchase at their own expense supplemental life insurance coverage regardless of the employment status of spouses.

**LD 1113 An Act to Assist the Expansion of Municipal Sewer Systems**

**PUBLIC 236**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
REED G  
EMERSON  
BERUBE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-230  
H-259 TAMMARO

**SUMMARY**

This bill amended the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 3442 to permit an assessment of more than 50% of the cost of a sewer expansion on the owners of property benefited by the expansion if more than 1/2 of the property owners agree to the expansion or if the owners of more than 1/2 of the benefited