

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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  
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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:

<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.

This bill also allows municipal clerks to appoint student clerks who are 15 years to 18 years of age to serve as poll workers for specific elections.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-452) amends the provision relating to student clerks to permit appointment of students who are at least 17 years of age, and to provide that the student clerks are to be appointed in equal numbers from each political party.

**LD 1106      Resolve, to Authorize the County of Franklin to Acquire a  
Certain Parcel of Land in Coburn Gore**

**RESOLVE 32**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TRACY	OTP-AM      MAJ	H-482      MAJ REP
BAILEY R	ONTP          MIN	
MILLS		
POWERS		

**SUMMARY**

This resolve authorizes the County of Franklin to acquire a parcel of land known as the Coburn Gore Dump on such terms as the Franklin County commissioners determine appropriate and advisable, including a release and indemnification agreement indemnifying the current owners from any claims, liabilities or damages resulting from the county's operation of the landfill.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-482) increases the amount of land that may be purchased from 1.85 acres to 10 acres.

**LD 1116      An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Operating Under the  
Influence**

**LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BAILEY R	LV/WD	
BOUTILIER		
COLLINS		
MILLS		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have made it a Class D crime for a person to refuse to submit to chemical tests to determine blood-alcohol level and drug concentration when there is probable cause to believe the person has operated or attempted to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

**LD 1117      An Act to Impose a Limit on Campaign Contributions**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WHITCOMB	ONTP          MAJ	
SMALL	OTP-AM      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have limited to \$100 the contributions that may be made to a candidate in any Maine election. The limitation would not apply to contributions from the candidate, the candidate's spouse or the candidate's own political party.