

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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

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 1155 An Act to Allow Service of Civil Process by any Licensed Private Investigator or Bonded Security Agency

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ESTY	ONTP	
GILL		
GAUVREAU		
LEMKE		

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized a licensed private investigator or a bonded security agency to serve and execute civil processes when a sheriff or deputy sheriff is unable after diligent effort to execute service.

LD 1161 An Act to Prohibit Certain Activities in Polling Places

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SPEAR	ONTP	
BRAWN		
STEVENS A		
LORD		

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited petitioners and survey takers from conducting election day activities inside polling places.

LD 1171 An Act to Provide a 15-day Waiting Period on the Sale of Handguns

ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MANNING	ONTP	MAJ	
	OTP-AM	MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a 15-day waiting period on the sale of handguns in the State. Before selling a handgun, a seller would have been required to submit an application completed by a prospective purchaser to the local police department or the sheriff's office for review. The sale would be permitted if records show no convictions or outstanding indictments against the applicant for assault, terrorizing with a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, a felony or a Class A, B or C crime, and no convictions for sale, use or possession of drugs, no adjudication of mental illness or voluntary commitment to a mental institution.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-276), part of the minority committee report, added a fiscal note to the bill.