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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR 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.

Senate Amendment "B" replaced the original bill. It required the Treasurer of State and the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System to report annually on their efforts to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1955 and added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1198 An Act to Clarify the Procedures of Local Boards of Appeal

PUBLIC 234

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LOOK JOSEPH	OTP	H-248 JOSEPH

SUMMARY

This bill clarified that boards of appeal need not create a written transcript of every proceeding; they may create a transcript or tape record the hearing, but are not required to do either. They are required to keep a written record and reduce their decisions to writing. The bill also clarified the deadline for motions to reconsider and take action, and extended the appeal period to 45 days to allow extra time in case there is a reconsideration.

House Amendment "A" added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1221 RESOLUTION, Proposing to Require That Certain State Officers Be Appointed by the Governor

ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUTLAND AULT SMALL RICH	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This resolution proposed a referendum to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide for the appointment by the Governor of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General.

LD 1228 An Act Regarding the Issuance of Identification Cards

PUBLIC 249

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MCCORMICK TWITCHELL	OTP	H-293 JOSEPH

SUMMARY

This bill gave the Secretary of State discretion in issuing an identification card to a person already in possession of a photographic license.

House Amendment "A" added a fiscal note to the bill.