

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 1487 An Act to Establish the Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund for Law School Graduates Pursuing Public Interest Employment**

**ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BALDACCI	ONTP	
GAUVREAU		
PARADIS P		
STEVENS P		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established the nonlapsing Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund of \$80,000 for the first biennium, to provide grants to University of Maine School of Law graduates employed in law-related public interest work to assist in repayment of student loans for law school education.

**LD 1496 An Act to Require the Popular Election of the State Auditor**

**ONTP-MAJ REP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BENNETT	ONTP MAJ	
LOOK	OTP-AM MIN	
HANLEY		

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided for the popular election of the State Auditor on a biennial basis.

**LD 1505 An Act to Update Certain Laws Regarding Corporations, Lobbyists and Notaries**

**PUBLIC 465**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
JOSEPH	OTP-AM	H-491
GRAY		
LOOK		

**SUMMARY**

The bill changed the period for lobbyists to register with the Secretary of State from 7 to 15 days after commencement of activities constituting lobbying and authorized Secretary of State to suspend a lobbyist's registration if the lobbyist failed to file a report or pay a fee.

The bill also required notaries to have a seal and to keep records of all notarial acts; grandfathered existing notaries from having a seal or keeping records, and; required that a seal must be destroyed or returned to the Secretary of State when a commission ends.

The bill eliminated the requirement that the Secretary of State must notify the register of probate and clerk of the Judicial Court of newly appointed notaries; authorized the Secretary of State to publish and distribute publications to inform notaries of their duties, and; allowed the Secretary of State to charge a fee for the publications.

The bill amended the laws dealing with trademarks so that it also included the word "marks" to reflect more accurately the purpose of the law; allowed a registrant to amend a registration to change a mark or trademark, and; permitted the Secretary of State to promulgate rules and set fees to improve and expedite the filing process for mark registrations.