

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

MAY 1992

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 2273 An Act to Establish a Boundary between the Town of Skowhegan and the Town of Madison

P & S 99

SPONSOR(S)
KETTERER
WEBSTER
HEPBURN
MATTHEWS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1160 KETTERER

SUMMARY

This bill defined the location of the boundary line between the Town of Skowhegan and the Town of Madison.

LD 2279 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Governmental Ethics Laws

PUBLIC 880
EMERGENCY

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MAYO
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GWADOSKY
JOSEPH

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-1061
S-767 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

One purpose of this bill was to ensure equal representation of both major political parties on the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. The assistant floor leader of each house was authorized to appoint a member to the commission. The Senate appointees of 1992 will serve until 1995, and thereafter Senate appointments will be made in the odd-numbered years. The staggered terms will ensure that the commission is composed of some members who have expertise and experience in legislative ethics.

A second purpose of this bill was to provide the public in an election year with the income and liabilities of every candidate. Currently, the reporting requirements governing disclosure of income and liabilities apply only to people holding a legislative office. If a candidate has not been required to report income and liabilities to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, the public has no knowledge of that candidate's finances.

Legislative candidates who are not required to report to the commission by February 15th, must file this information with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices by 5 p.m. on the first Monday in August preceding the General Election. A candidate is exempt from this requirement if the candidate withdraws from the race by the date the filing is required.

Committee amendment A (H-1061) added an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate amendment A (S-767) struck out the appropriation section and replaced the fiscal note.