

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**JULY 1993**

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

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

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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**SUMMARY**

This bill describes with greater certainty the location of a portion of the common boundary between the Town of Passadumkeag and the Town of Enfield.

**LD 72      An Act to Establish Certain Voting Rights for Landowners      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
SUMMERS	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill enables a person who owns property in a town or municipality, but who resides elsewhere, to vote on town or municipal affairs that would have a fiscal impact on that person.

**LD 79      An Act to Preserve Maine's Part-time Citizen Legislature by      ONTP**  
**Making the Legislative Process More Efficient and Less**  
**Costly to Maine Taxpayers**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill reduces the salaries of Legislators by 20% from the statutorily authorized amount, shortens the legislative sessions, prohibits all Friday sessions except during the last 4 Fridays of a regular session and establishes an earlier cloture date for the first regular session.

**LD 81      An Act to Reduce the Number of Full-time Legislative Staff      ONTP**  
**Employees**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HANLEY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill limits the number of full-time legislative staff members to 85. The bill freezes the number of members at its October 1, 1993 level. No new member will be hired until that number has been reduced to 85 full-time staff members. Thereafter, any vacant positions will be filled at the discretion of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

**LD 104      An Act to Expand the Membership of the National Conference      INDEF PP**  
**of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
OTT	OTP-AM	H-26

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows a person who has been president, secretary or chair of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws to serve indefinitely as an additional Maine commissioner. This change allows former Chief Justice McKusick to serve as a Maine commissioner.