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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.

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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 & 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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SPONSOR(S)TAYLOR
BUTLAND**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that ballot recounts be conducted by election division employees only. No other state employees, excepting elected officials who may be considered state employees, could participate in recounts.

LD 156 An Act Authorizing Presidential Preference Primary Elections in the State**SPONSOR(S)**RICHARDSON
HANDY**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-401

SUMMARY

This bill requires Maine to hold a presidential preference primary election to determine voter support for potential presidential nominees. The bill requires the primary to be held on the same day as the New Hampshire primary, if there is a primary, to facilitate a New England regional primary.

The bill permits state committees of political parties to call caucuses to select delegates to a national convention for candidates who achieve the required percentage of votes in the primary election; if the parties do not have caucuses, the candidates must submit a list of delegates to the Secretary of State. The bill also requires the Secretary of State to report to the Legislature in December of any year in which the national convention refuses to seat Maine delegates as a result of a defect in this method, and requires the Secretary of State to propose a remedy to any defect identified.

The bill also makes the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 5, subchapter V effective July 1, 1995 so that the primary will first be required for the 1996 presidential election.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-401) makes the following changes to the original bill:

1. Makes it optional instead of mandatory for political parties to hold presidential preference primaries;
2. Requires a candidate for president to file with the Secretary of State a petition with at least 4,000 and no more than 6,000 voters' signatures or to pay a \$2,500 filing fee to the Secretary of State, in order for that candidate to be placed on the ballot;
3. Removes the condition that a candidate who does not receive at least 5% of the total votes cast in a primary election receives no delegates;
4. Makes a clarification that a voter may vote for only one person on the presidential preference primary ballot; and
5. Adds a fiscal note.