

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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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**LD 238**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Paper Streets**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DORE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides that title to property taken for town ways is not required to be in fee simple absolute if the property includes a paper street and public rights in the property have not been terminated pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 3031, subsection 1, section 3032 or 3033. The bill also allows municipalities under certain circumstances to assign rights-of-way to landowners abutting paper streets.

**LD 275**

**An Act to Amend the Employee Suggestion System**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VIGUE  
CAREY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to establish a system to reward state employees who help uncover or prosecute fraud in State Government. The Employee Suggestion System is amended to include a provision to make rewards for fraud recovery.

**LD 279**

**Resolve, Creating a Special Commission to Erect a Plaque in the Hall of Flags Honoring Medal of Honor Recipients from Maine**

RESOLVE 1

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PEARSON  
VOSE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-30 BERUBE

**SUMMARY**

This resolve establishes a commission to make arrangements to have a plaque, displayed in the Hall of Flags in the State House, honoring Medal of Honor recipients from Maine.

The amendment (S-30) allows the commission to seek outside funding, but prohibits expenditures of General Fund money.

**LD 282**

**An Act to Make the Terms of Certain Commissioners Coterminous with the Term of the Governor**

VETO SUSTAINED

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CAREY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM MAJ  
ONTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-55

**SUMMARY**

This bill proposes to make the terms of persons serving on the Health Care Finance Commission, the Public Utilities Commission and the Workers' Compensation Board coterminous with the Governor's term. Persons