

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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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 322**

**An Act to Facilitate the Efforts of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to Provide Advisory Opinions**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GWADOSKY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the commission to adopt rules to develop a procedure whereby advisory opinions could be issued by way of a conference call setup. Under existing freedom of access laws, such a conference call arrangement is not permissible. This bill allows the commission to adopt rules to set up a conference call and discuss and issue advisory opinions to a Legislator provided members of the local media have been given notice of the time and place of the conference call, there is loudspeaker capability for the call and the call takes place in a room that is adequate to allow members of the public to attend.

**LD 323**

**An Act to Continue the Franklin County Budget Committee**

PUBLIC 449

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TRACY  
WEBSTER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-354 PEARSON

**SUMMARY**

Under current law, the statutory sections establishing the Franklin County budget are repealed on April 30, 1994. This bill eliminates that repeal.

The Senate amendment (S-354) adds a mandate preamble and fiscal note to the bill indicating that the State is exempted from paying the additional costs as this bill is enacted by a 2/3 vote in both houses pursuant to the Constitution.

**LD 391**

**An Act to Repeal the Statutory Provisions Formerly Governing Unfunded State Mandates**

PUBLIC 28

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GRAY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

In November of 1992, the voters approved an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to provide for state funding of any mandate imposed on municipalities. State funding for mandated programs was previously governed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5684. This bill repeals the statutory provisions.

**LD 396**

**Resolve, To Authorize the Director of the Bureau of General Services to Transfer in the Name of the State a Certain State Built Water Pipeline in the Town of Boothbay Harbor**

RESOLVE 4

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HEINO

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
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