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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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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&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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LD 461

An Act to Require Legislative Confirmation of the Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill makes the position of Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and to confirmation by the Legislature. This bill applies to the person currently holding the position of director.

LD 463

An Act to Require the Provision of Local Law Enforcement

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

FARNUM

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill provides that when towns become populous enough to warrant their own police services, the municipality will provide them from their funds. Currently, these towns may fail to provide or eliminate their police departments and the other towns of the county or state bear the additional costs to the county sheriffs and State Police of providing services to towns large enough to warrant local law enforcement.

LD 464

An Act to Amend the Procedure for Settling Disputes on Construction Contract Claims

PUBLIC 49

SPONSOR(S)

CAMPBELL

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-46

SUMMARY

This bill repeals the requirement that all disputes arising out of the performance of state construction contracts be resolved through binding arbitration conducted by the American Arbitration Association. The bill authorizes the Director of the Bureau of General Services to agree to send those disputes either to informal mediation, to binding arbitration, or both, and the director makes the decision regarding the choice of the mediation or arbitration.

The committee amendment (H-46) replaces the word "may" with the word "must," which gives the director discretion on which type of method to use to settle a dispute, not whether or not to use it. The amendment also replaces "informal mediation" with "alternative dispute resolution." The amendment adds a new sentence that gives the State and a contractor the opportunity to use binding arbitration if dissatisfied. Finally, the amendment adds a fiscal note.

LD 468

Resolve, Creating the Kennebec County Law Enforcement Examination Commission

RESOLVE 39 EMERGENCY

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-68
S-356 PEARSON