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**STATE OF MAINE
116TH LEGISLATURE**

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:

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <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 559 An Act to Impose Term Limits on Presiding Officers of the Legislature

PUBLIC 403

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| BRANNIGAN | OTP-AM | MAJ | S-141 |
| HARRIMAN | ONTP | MIN | |
| DONNELLY | | | |

SUMMARY

This bill limits the terms that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may serve to 2 consecutive legislative bienniums. Calculation of time served begins with the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature on December 2, 1992.

The committee amendment (S-141) limits to 3 consecutive legislative bienniums the time a Legislator may serve as President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives. (See also LD's 742 and 768)

LD 583 An Act to Ensure Continuity of State-contracted Services

ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FARNSWORTH | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill standardizes late fees to be paid by a state agency at 12% per annum on all payments due to social service providers when those payments are not made within 14 days of the scheduled payment date.

LD 608 An Act Regarding Legislative Ethics

ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERWIN | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill excludes from improper gifts and pecuniary benefits to public servants meals that are worth no more than \$25 per person and are provided to a group of public servants as part of an informational program sponsored by industry or special interest organizations.

LD 610 An Act to Establish an Advisory Board to Ensure That the State Maximizes the Use of Available Federal Funds

ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| WENTWORTH | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Advisory Board on the Availability of Federal Funds to ensure maximum use of federal money by State Government.