

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**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 665**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Sexual Exploitation of Minors**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DIPIETRO  
AMERO

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have criminalized the possession of sexually explicit materials involving children.

**LD 672 An Act to Protect Private Property**

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DEXTER

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

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have required the State and its political subdivisions to pay property owners when state or local regulations lower the owner's property value by more than 50%.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-551) required an entity that adopts a law, rule, regulation or ordinance that denies all economically viable use of a parcel of real property to pay compensation to the owner of that property.

**LD 673 An Act to Amend the Probate Code Providing Duties of Registers of Probate**

PUBLIC 148

**SPONSOR(S)**  
FARNSWORTH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-195 MICHAUD

**SUMMARY**

The bill changes the word "administration" to the word "authority" in describing certain documents recorded by registers of probate. The bill also provides for an increase in certain filing and certification fees by registers of probate. Several grammatical changes are also made.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-195) updates current Probate Code language, provides a description of specific powers of registers of probate and removes all fee increases proposed by the bill.

**LD 685 An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act to Include Provisions Concerning Employment Discrimination**

PUBLIC 327

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PARADIS J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-215

**SUMMARY**

The bill is patterned on a federal law that became effective in July, 1992, and provides full compensatory remedy for the victims of intentional discrimination in employment. It makes the following changes to the laws governing employment discrimination.