

# 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 692**      **An Act to Limit to 4 the Number of Consecutive Terms a  
Legislator May Serve**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
HANLEY      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill limits the terms that a Senator and a member of the House of Representatives may serve to 4 consecutive terms. A Senator or a member of the House of Representatives who reaches the limit may serve additional terms in the opposite house.

**LD 696**      **An Act to Reform and Reestablish the Commission on  
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**      **CONF CMTE UNABLE  
TO AGREE**

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BUTLAND      OTP-AM

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the membership of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to 3 members selected by the courts.

The committee amendment (S-168) clarifies that the initial appointments are staggered and future appointments are for 3 years. It also specifies that a chair is selected from among the 3 members for a term of one year.

**LD 698**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine to Require That Certain Officers Be Appointed by the  
Governor**      **CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
BUTLAND

**SUMMARY**

This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to provide for the appointment by the Governor of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General. (LD's 743, 1032, 1255, 1291, 1292 and 1296 are related bills)

**LD 710**      **An Act to Permit a Municipality to Reset Land Monuments  
Dislocated by the Municipality**      **ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)**      **COMMITTEE REPORT**      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
RUHLIN      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows an employee of a municipality to reset or replace a monument, iron pin or other marker used to establish a boundary that has been dislodged or damaged by a municipal employee in the course of employment.