

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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:

<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 716**      **An Act Relating to the Omnibus Drug Policy Reform Act**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BOWERS	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Tobacco, Alcohol and Scheduled Drugs Commission to review state laws and regulatory, enforcement, taxation, education, health care and treatment policies and activities related to the use or abuse of tobacco products, alcohol and scheduled drugs. The commission is required to recommend to the Legislature changes in law and policies necessary to minimize the costs of use or abuse of tobacco products, alcohol and scheduled drugs.

**LD 726**      **An Act to Provide State Government with Independent Cost Assessment of Federally Mandated and Regulated Programs**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
DUTREMBLE D	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Budget Advisory Board on Federal Programs, consisting of 3 part-time members experienced in finance, accounting or budgetary matters. The purpose of the board is to analyze the State's responsibilities and options under certain federal programs and to identify cost-saving or service-provision options. The board is to report to the Governor and the Legislature every 2 years to coincide with the development of the biennial state budget. The board is to be available to advise the Governor and the Legislature at other times.

**LD 729**      **An Act Concerning the Composition of Appointed Governmental Boards in the State**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
MCCORMICK	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that all boards, commissions, committees and similar organizations established by law be gender-balanced.

**LD 742**      **An Act Imposing Term Limits on Legislative Leadership Positions**      PUBLIC 411

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LIBBY J D	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-364
BEGLEY	ONTP	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill limits the terms that the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and members of the Legislative Council may serve to 4 consecutive legislative bienniums. Calculation of time served begins with the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature on December 2, 1992.

The committee amendment (H-364) limits to 3 consecutive legislative bienniums the time a Legislator may serve as party floor leader or assistant party floor leader in the Senate or House of Representatives. (See also LD's 559 and 768)

**LD 743      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of      ONTP**  
**Maine to Change the Election Procedures for Constitutional**  
**Officers**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LIBBY J D	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine so that the constitutional officers, currently elected biennially by a joint ballot of both Houses of the Legislature, would in the future be elected by a majority of a bipartisan committee of 6 Senators and 10 Representatives selected by leadership. (LD's 698, 1032, 1255, 1291, 1292 and 1296 are related bills)

**LD 751      An Act to Impose Term Limitations on Legislators,      ONTP**  
**Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill which was initiated by citizen petition establishes limitations on terms for state legislators, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General and the State Auditor. The bill would limit those officeholders to 4 consecutive terms, except for the State Auditor, who is limited to 2 terms, beginning in the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature. Since this bill was not enacted as presented, it will be submitted to the voters in November.

**LD 768      An Act to Establish Term Limitations for Presiding Officers,      ONTP**  
**Leadership and Committee Chairs**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BEGLEY	OTP-AM	MAJ	
LIBBY J D	ONTP	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill limits the terms that the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, members of the Legislative Council and committee chairs may serve to 4 consecutive legislative bienniums. Calculation of time served begins with the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature on December 2, 1992. The committee proposed to amend the bill to limit committee chairs to 3 consecutive terms. (See also LD's 559 and 742)