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**STATE OF MAINE
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**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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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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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)