

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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&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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The amendment also adds an emergency preamble, an emergency clause, a fiscal note and a preamble indicating that a 2/3 vote is necessary for enactment of this bill as implementing legislation under the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21.

The House amendment (H-604) makes a technical change to the committee amendment and amends the fiscal note.

**LD 783      An Act to Change the Composition of the Board of Directors  
of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy      ONTP**

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**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the composition of the Board of Directors of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy by adding to the board a county jail administrator and a county jail correctional officer.

**LD 795      An Act to Limit the Terms of the President of the Senate and  
the Speaker of the House of Representatives      ONTP**

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

This bill limits to 2 the number of terms that a person may serve as President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives. The committee used LD's 559, 742 and 768 to limit the terms of presiding officers, floor leaders and committee chairs.

**LD 807      An Act Regarding Records of Notaries Public      CARRIED OVER**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> FAIRCLOTH	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill tracks the language of the archives law concerning the public records of any public office and requires that public records be transferred to the custody of the State Archivist upon the termination of the existence or function of the public office.

Current statutory language requires that the records of a resigning notary public be deposited with the clerk of the judicial courts in the county for which the notary public was appointed. This language raises questions as to whether the intent is for these records to be deposited in the District Court or in the Superior Court.

**LD 816      An Act to Eliminate the Bureau of Public Administration      PUBLIC 78**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> MARTIN J	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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