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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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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12. It expands the required use of red pens.
13. It requires that registrars report on the enrollment of registered voters in Maine following the general election.
14. It changes the meeting place of the presidential electors from the Senate Chamber to the Chamber of the House of Representatives.
15. It establishes the counting procedures to be followed when using electronic voting systems.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-207) Corrects a cross-reference to "immediate family" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 504. The amendment also deletes language in the original bill which changed the required time for opening the polls in municipalities and deletes language which addresses campaigning at the polls. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-358) adds a mandate preamble to the bill and replaces the fiscal note.

LD 812 An Act Requiring Mobile Home Park Operators to Notify Lienholders Prior to Eviction ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PLOURDE	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have permitted mobile home park owners or operators to require that rents and fees be paid in full before a mobile home could be removed from the park. It also would have required mobile home park operators to notify a bank or other lienholder prior to evicting a tenant, provided the lienholder had notified the park operator of a lien against the tenant's home.

LD 823 An Act to Increase the Penalties for Littering PUBLIC 140

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ST. ONGE	OTP-AM	H-181

SUMMARY

This bill changes fines for littering to \$250 for first violations and \$500 for subsequent violations for disposals of up to 15 pounds and \$500 for first violations and \$1,000 for subsequent violations for disposals of more than 15 pounds.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-181) replaces the original bill. The a amendment changes fines for littering to not more than \$500 nor less than \$100 for first violations and not more than \$500 nor less than \$200 for subsequent violations for disposals of up to 15 pounds of litter.

The amendment changes fines for littering to not more than \$500 nor less than \$200 for first violations and not more than \$1,000 nor less than \$500 for subsequent violations for disposals of more than 15 pounds of litter. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.