

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**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 852**      **An Act to Prohibit Voter Registration on Election Day**      **ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have eliminated the provision that allows voters to register on election day and allows the registrar to register voters not later than one week before election day.

**LD 870**      **An Act to Restrict Helicopter Overflights by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency**      **ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency from using helicopters without a search warrant and probable cause to believe that marijuana is being grown.

**LD 874**      **An Act to Protect Police Officers from Armor-piercing Ammunition**      **PUBLIC 457**

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
DIPIETRO                              OTP-AM                              H-267

**SUMMARY**

At present, the term "metal-piercing ammunition" is not fully defined other than to include by name the most common "armor-piercing ammunition" known as "KTW ammunition." This bill changes the prohibition against metal-piercing ammunition to a prohibition against armor-piercing ammunition, by adopting the federal definition of "armor-piercing ammunition" in 18 United States Code, Section 921(a)(17)(B).

This bill also increases the penalty for possession of armor-piercing ammunition from a Class D misdemeanor to a Class C felony.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-267) excepts a person who is otherwise guilty of possession of armor-piercing ammunition from violation if the person possesses the ammunition as part of a bona fide collection. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 878**      **An Act to Reduce the Influence of Money in Elective Politics**      **ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited all political action committee funds and corporate political contributions and would have reenacted law regulating reporting of referendum campaigns.

The bill also would have clarified that anyone could collect contributions for a candidate from individuals as long as the money collected was directly forwarded to the candidate. Political parties would have been able to collect contributions and deposit them in an account for unrestricted party contributions to candidates.