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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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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SUMMARY

This bill proposes that former Legislators be prohibited from serving as lobbyists for a period of 2 years immediately following their departure from the Legislature.

The committee amendment (S-183) replaces the original bill and uses the definition of lobbying already in law as a basis for restriction on activity by a former Legislator and reduces the 2-year restriction to one year. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

LD 884 An Act to Create a State Municipalities Investment Pool ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLEVELAND	ONTP MAJ	
	OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMB) to create a combined investment fund for use by municipalities within the State. This fund allows municipalities to obtain short-term investments, provide enhanced ease of access to investments that meet all state statutory requirements for municipal investments and simultaneously provide a competitive rate of return. The fund facilitates proper record keeping for compliance with federal tax code requirements on arbitrage and rebate standards.

The bill clarifies the definition of municipality. In addition, the bill enhances the efficiency of the MMB's power to borrow for short-term and long-term municipal capital needs by authorizing the MMB to borrow, on behalf of municipalities, using security instruments other than a formal municipal bond. This makes it possible for municipalities approved for long-term financing through the MMB to obtain more readily any short-term bond anticipation financing that municipalities may require.

The bill also clarifies that the goals of the pool may be achieved by creating a separate, registered pool of funds or that funds may be pooled and then invested in other already existing registered funds. Finally, the bill allows a municipality to have any payments to it from the State deposited directly in its account in the pool.

LD 885 An Act to Implement Constitutional Provisions Requiring the Funding of Mandates Imposed on Local Units of Government ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLEVELAND	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill provides a framework for implementing the provisions of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21 which requires the State to fund 90% of new mandates it imposes on local units of government. It defines the terms used in that section, provides the Legislature with guidance in applying the section and establishes a means to provide state funds to local units of government under the 90% provision. LD's 779 and 1247 are related bills.

LD 910 An Act to Limit Terms of State Office Holders ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BENNETT	ONTP	