

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*CARRIED OVER*

*ONTP*

*ENACTMENT FAILED*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Bill carried over to Second Session*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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 989**      **An Act to Limit to 5 Years Certain State Contracts**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
KERR	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

With some exceptions, this bill imposes a time limitation of 5 years on contracts entered into by state agencies. Contracts that exceed this limitation are subject to legislative review.

**LD 1004**      **An Act to Increase the Fee for Marriage Licenses**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BEGLEY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the fee for a marriage license from \$10 to \$20, except in cases where the law requires 2 licenses, in which case the fee is increased from \$5 each to \$10 each. LD 1229 is a related bill.

**LD 1032**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Providing for the Free Election of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General**      ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ZIRNKILTON	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This resolution provides for direct popular election of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to 4-year terms in the manner currently provided for the election of the Governor. The terms are staggered so that the Secretary of State will first be elected in 1994 and the Attorney General will first be elected in 1996. LD's 698, 743, 1255, 1291 and 1296 are related bills.

**LD 1035**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Create a Unicameral Legislature**      CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LEMKE	ONTP      MAJ	
CAREY	OTP-AM      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to abolish the Senate and the House of Representatives and replace them with a unicameral Legislature of 147 members.

**LD 1050**      **An Act to Enhance the Authority of the Legislature to Review Rules**      DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GRAY	OTP-AM      MAJ	H-557
	OTP-AM      MIN	

