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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH 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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The committee amendment (H-369) provides that the local school administrative unit or the collective bargaining agent must pay for the employer retirement cost, except for the amount allotted to the unfunded liability. The Senate amendment to the committee amendment (S-362) adds a municipal mandate preamble.

**LD 1022      An Act to Amend the Maine State Retirement System Laws      PUBLIC 250**  
**Related to the Participating Local Districts Consolidated      EMERGENCY**  
**Plan**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
JALBERT	OTP-AM	H-327

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the laws related to the participating local districts consolidated retirement plan to add a provision that all current participating local districts must elect to join, be transferred to the consolidated plan or withdraw from the system. Presently, the law does not authorize such a provision in the rules. The bill also extends the date of the section that repeals the Participating Local District Advisory Committee from June 30, 1993 to June 30, 1996, and makes a definitional change necessary to implement the purpose of the consolidated plan. The committee amendment (H-327) clarifies the date after which a local districts options are limited to those provided in the consolidated plan and adds a fiscal note.

**LD 1031      An Act to Extend Burial Eligibility for Dependent Children      PUBLIC 150**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HEINO	OTP-AM	H-213

**SUMMARY**

This bill extends burial eligibility in the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery to unmarried dependent children of veterans.

The committee amendment (H-213) limits the scope of the original bill by requiring that the dependent child have been enrolled in secondary school at the time of death in order to be eligible for burial in the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. The amendment also ensures that a minor child not enrolled in school is not inadvertently excluded and also adds a fiscal note.

**LD 1058      An Act to Clarify Mandatory Coverage Requirements for      CARRIED OVER**  
**Participating Local Districts within the Maine State**  
**Retirement System**

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

This bill makes changes to the laws governing mandatory coverage requirements for participating local districts within the Maine State Retirement System. The bill provides that no class of regular full-time employees may be exempted by the local district from participation in the retirement plan unless those employees are subject to regular withholdings under provisions of the federal Social Security Act or are

provided for by mandatory local pension provisions. The bill also requires that participating local districts determine whether part-time, seasonal and temporary employees will participate in the local district or be exempted.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

**LD 1060      An Act Concerning Rights and Privileges for Maine Veterans      PUBLIC 427**  
**of the Persian Gulf War**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ANDERSON MCCORMICK DONNELLY	OTP-AM	H-515

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends existing laws establishing veterans' privileges and preferences to recognize veterans of the Persian Gulf War as active duty veterans.

The committee amendment (H-515) clarifies that the veterans preference in state service and the tax exemption granted to veterans apply to all persons on active duty during the Persian Gulf War, not just those serving in the Persian Gulf region. The amendment also expands the veterans preference in state service to include those individuals who served in Panama at any time from December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990. The amendment removes the section on complimentary fishing and hunting licenses for disabled war veterans and adds a fiscal note.

**LD 1074      An Act to Provide Equitable Representation on the Board of      ONTP**  
**Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have added a member to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System who is a member of the retirement system through employment as a municipal, county or quasi-municipal corporation employee and who is appointed by the governing body of the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations. The bill would increase the number of members needed for a quorum from 4 to 5 and the minimum number of votes needed to take action from 4 to 5.

**LD 1084      An Act Repealing Advisory Boards on Aging, Retirement and      PUBLIC 273**  
**Veterans' Matters**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
	OTP-AM	H-351

**SUMMARY**

This bill is submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing all advisory boards and commissions. Part A of the bill repeals the Participating Local District Advisory Committee and Part B repeals the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans.