

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS**

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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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The Committee Amendment (H-351) removes Part A so the Participating Local District Advisory Committee is not repealed. The Amendment changes Part B of the bill so that the entire chapter on the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans is repealed and the statutory provisions requiring the Division of Veterans' Services to provide special services to veterans exposed to radiation and toxic chemicals are modified. These changes remove all references to the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans, incorporate the definitions that were in the repealed chapter on the Commission and ensure that the special services provided to Vietnam and atomic veterans are continued. The amendment changes the program name from the Commission on Vietnam and Atomic Veterans to Special Veterans Services.

**LD 1100      An Act to Change the Base Period for Calculation  
of Maine State Retirement System Benefits**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

VIGUE  
CAREY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have changed the base period for calculation of Maine State Retirement System benefits by amending the definition of "average final compensation" to calculate the average of compensation for the 10 highest years of creditable service or the entire period for members with fewer than 10 years of creditable service. Currently, the calculation averages only the 3 years in which the annual rate of compensation is highest.

**LD 1110      An Act to Change the Nomination Procedure of the Board of  
Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**

VIGUE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have provided that one of the gubernatorial appointees to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System must be selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Maine Association of Retirees, Inc.

**LD 1117      An Act to Improve the Functions and Operations of the Maine  
State Retirement System**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**

WENTWORTH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes the Maine State Retirement System a public instrumentality of the State. The bill puts authority and responsibility for personnel functions under the board of trustees and provides for the transition of the system to independent status as a public instrumentality effective January 1, 1994. The bill provides for a review of the system's administrative budget prior to the beginning of each fiscal year by the legislative committee having jurisdiction over matters related to the system.

Subsequent to the decision to carry this bill over to the Second Regular Session, comparable provisions were incorporated into Part L of Public Law 1993, chapter 410.