

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*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*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*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 unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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**LD 952      An Act to Increase the Number of Cumberland County Commissioners      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)      COMMITTEE REPORT      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MITCHELL J      ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the required number of county commissioners in Cumberland County from 3 to 9. The Cumberland County voters will elect the required 9 county commissioners according to the reapportioned districts in the fall of 1994 and the newly elected commissioners will take office on January 1, 1995. The bill also sets the salary for the first fiscal year at \$2,000 for each commissioner.

**LD 1111      Resolve, to Create the Commission to Establish Criteria and Qualifications for Certain State Officers      ONTP**

**SPONSOR(S)      COMMITTEE REPORT      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
LIBBY J D      ONTP      MAJ  
OTP-AM      MIN

**SUMMARY**

This resolve creates the Commission to Establish the Criteria and Qualifications for Certain State Officers. The responsibilities and duties of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General and the State Auditor will be reviewed for the purpose of establishing criteria and qualifications for the individuals holding those positions.

**LD 1140      An Act to Require Renegotiation of State Leases for Real Property      ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that, wherever legally possible, all real property leases with the State be renegotiated and all surplus properties with no recreational value be put up for sale.

**LD 1187      RESOLUTION, Pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 15 of the Constitution of Maine Calling a Constitutional Convention to Propose Amendments to the Constitution      DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

**SPONSOR(S)      COMMITTEE REPORT      AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MARTIN J      ONTP      MAJ  
OTP-AM      MIN

**SUMMARY**

This resolution calls a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of Maine. The resolution calls for a convention to be composed of 2 delegates from each House District to begin on the first Tuesday of September, 1993. Primary elections, if any, will occur on the first Tuesday of July, 1993 and election of delegates will take place on the first Tuesday of August, 1993. Recommended changes would be voted on at the statewide election in November, 1993.