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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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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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**LD 1132 An Act Authorizing Judicial Retirement Service Credit for Service as a Workers' Compensation Commissioner**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CONLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided that workers' compensation commissioners who were appointed judges no earlier than July 1, 1983 and no later than December 1, 1984 are entitled, without further contribution, to credit in the Maine Judicial Retirement System for their creditable service as members of the Maine State Retirement System prior to July 1, 1983 and for service as commissioners from July 1, 1983 to November 30, 1984.

**LD 1180 An Act to Amend the Group Life Insurance Laws Administered by the Maine State Retirement System**

PUBLIC 386

**SPONSOR(S)**  
VIGUE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-279

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the laws governing the group life insurance administered by the Maine State Retirement System. It makes clear that annual base compensation is used as a basis for establishing the amount of group life coverage for a participant prior to retirement only. It changes the effective date of basic coverage so that the effective date for all coverage is the first day of the month following one month of employment. It simplifies the determination of the amount of basic life insurance an employee takes into retirement at no cost to the employee by making it equal to the employee's average final compensation. It provides for the inclusion of payment of life insurance benefits in the recently enacted provision governing recovery of overpayment by the retirement system. It establishes employer and retirement system responsibilities with respect to group life insurance forms and notice requirements related to employees' rights and duties with respect to continuation, temporary extension and conversion of life insurance coverage.

The committee amendment, which was not adopted, would have established a 60-day period in which to get the form electing continuation of life insurance to the Retirement System and would have deleted a sentence stating that the system is not liable for errors of the employer in providing information to employees on life insurance options. The Senate amendment (S-279) removed the committee amendment and removed from the bill the two sections that attempted to establish employer and retirement system responsibilities.

**LD 1182 An Act Allowing Participating Local Districts to Determine Eligibility in the Maine State Retirement System**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
AMERO

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed municipalities to withdraw certain classes of employees from participation in the Maine State Retirement System as long as the employees are covered by social security. This would