

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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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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**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** CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MARTIN J

**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. At the hearing, the sponsor indicated the intent of the resolution was to amend the current, limited, provisions of the Constitution regarding the calling of a constitutional convention with a more detailed description of the constitutional convention process.

**LD 1191 Resolve, Creating the Maine State 175th Anniversary Commemoration Commission** RESOLVE 26

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
ADAMS                                      OTP-AM                                      H-404  
PARADIS J  
JOSEPH

**SUMMARY**

This resolve creates the Maine State 175th Anniversary Commemoration Commission. The commission shall prepare and administer a comprehensive plan for the observance and celebration of the 175th anniversary of the formation of the State. The commission is authorized to raise funds from outside sources and to charge appropriate fees for use of the 175th anniversary seal. Following the conclusion of the commission's work, any surplus funds must be distributed equally to the Maine State Library, the Maine State Museum, the Maine State Archives and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to be used for the good of the people of the State.

The committee amendment (H-404) includes a representative of the Maine Arts Commission as a member of the Maine State 175th Anniversary Commemoration Commission, requires that one person appointed to the commission be a member of one of Maine's native American tribes, specifies that an itemized account of revenues and expenditures must be provided in both the interim and final reports and also specifies that staff support to the commission will come from those cultural agencies represented on the commission. The amendment also adds the necessary fiscal note.

**LD 1195 An Act to Amend the Requirements for Hearing and Public Notice in the Adoption and Amendment of Zoning Ordinances** ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the need for the municipal officers or planning board to hold a public hearing prior to the enactment of zoning ordinances or amendments by requiring a hearing to be

held for all cases. This bill repeals the requirement that a notice of the hearing be mailed to property owners. A similar bill, LD 1173, was heard by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and enacted as PL c. 374.

**LD 1196      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of      ONTP**  
**Maine to Reduce the Number of Members in the House of**  
**Representatives and Create a Unicameral Legislature**

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

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine in a 2-step process. For the 1994 elections, the House of Representatives is reduced to 141 members. Then, for the 2000 elections, the Senate and the House of Representatives are abolished and replaced by a unicameral Legislature, known as the Senate, of 141 members.

**LD 1212      An Act to Require the Bureau of the Budget to Monitor      CARRIED OVER**  
**Federal Legislation to Determine the Cost of Implementing**  
**Legislation at Local and State Levels**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget to monitor federal legislation to determine the cost of implementing that legislation at local and state levels.

**LD 1214      An Act to Share Proportionately the Public Safety Costs for      ONTP**  
**the Capitol Area**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows the State to reimburse the City of Augusta for a share of the city's public safety services beginning July 1, 1994.

**LD 1229      An Act to Increase Fees Charged by Municipal Clerks for      PUBLIC 405**  
**Services**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BEGLEY	ONTP	MAJ	H-602    KILKELLY
	OTP	MIN	