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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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 & 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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extended the same courtesy to Maine permit holders, utilized statutory requirements for the issuance of its own permits to carry concealed firearms that are at least as stringent as those Maine uses and ensured that an adequate investigation process was in place and being utilized by the issuing agency.

5. Added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1198 **An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections and Nominations by Political Parties** CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
ROWE

SUMMARY

This bill would allow for multiparty endorsement and nomination of candidates.

LD 1201 **An Act to Treat Minors Equitably under the Operating-under-the-influence Laws** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

Under current law, the Secretary of State shall suspend the driver's license of a person that has not attained 21 years of age if that person has operated or attempted to operate a motor vehicle while having a blood-alcohol level of 0.02% or more. This bill would have repealed that law and eliminated the lower blood-alcohol level test applicable to minors. Under this bill, minors would have been subject to the same 0.08% blood-alcohol level test as adults.

LD 1202 **An Act Concerning the Tallying and Challenging of Absentee Votes** ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed a candidate or the candidate's representative to review absentee ballots after 2:00 p.m. on election day. It also would have given the candidate or the candidate's representative one hour after the polls close to inspect absentee ballots. The bill also would have required regular ballots to be counted before absentee ballots are counted and would have directed the wardens to deposit the absentee ballots after the close of the polls, instead of before.

LD 1203 **An Act to Regulate the Use of Aircraft for Surveillance Purposes by Law Enforcement Agencies** DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
TOWNSEND G ONTP MAJ
 OTP-AM MIN

SUMMARY

This bill sought to minimize the potential invasiveness of aircraft surveillance by providing that only