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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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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

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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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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

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

SUMMARY

This bill doubles the amount of service fees charged by municipalities for certain services. LD 1004 is a related bill.

The House amendment (H-602) deletes the increase in municipal clerk fees that are paid by municipalities and reduces the increases in fees for issuing a copy of a record of birth, marriage or death, a copy of an amended birth record and a certificate of birth, marriage or death. The amendment also requires that additional revenue collected as a result of this legislation accrue to the municipality.

LD 1247 An Act to Implement the Constitutional Amendment Requiring the State to Fund Mandates ONTP

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

SUMMARY

This bill provides enabling legislation to implement the provisions of Constitutional Resolution 1991, chapter 2, which prohibits unfunded state mandates. The bill defines some of the terms used in the constitutional amendment. LD's 779 and 885 are related bills.

LD 1254 An Act to Amend the State Finance Law in Relation to Purchases from Corporations Conducting Business in Northern Ireland VETO SUSTAINED

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CASHMAN OTP-AM MAJ H-543
CONLEY ONTP MIN
KILKELLY

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits state agencies from purchasing products or services from corporations that do business in Northern Ireland and have not implemented the fair employment practices of the MacBride Principles.

The committee amendment (H-543) replaces the original bill. It removes the reference to the MacBride Principles and instead uses fair employment principles, which closely follow the MacBride Principles with the exception that protection to and from the workplace is removed. The amendment requires contractors for service to stipulate that they will make a good faith attempt to abide by the intent of the fair employment principles. This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1255 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Providing for the Direct Election of the Attorney General and the Secretary of State ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
PARADIS P ONTP