

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
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**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*

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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**LD 1117 An Act to Improve the Functions and Operations of the Maine State Retirement System**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
WENTWORTH

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill makes the Maine State Retirement System as a public instrumentality of the State. The bill puts authority and responsibility for personnel functions under the board of trustees, subjects the Maine State Retirement System to the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Law and provides for a two year transition period in which employees retain all their rights as state employees. The bill provides for a review of the system's administrative budget prior to the beginning of each fiscal year by the legislative committee having jurisdiction over retirement matters.

The provisions of this bill were enacted through various sections in Public Law 1993, c. 410, Part L.

**LD 1245 An Act Related to Disability Retirement under the Maine State Retirement System**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TUFTS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the legislative disability retirement provisions to put Legislators under the same disability plan as state employees. The bill also would have amended the disability plans of the Maine State Retirement System to provide that a member would not be eligible for disability retirement benefits based on a disability that arises in connection with commission of a crime or results in conduct of which the consequence is conviction for a crime. A person would not be entitled to any disability benefits for any period of incarceration over 30 days, service credit could not accrue during incarceration, and incarceration could not delay the time period for disability review. The bill also would have allowed a disability benefits to be discontinued upon the final administrative decision to discontinue even if a judicial appeal is being pursued.

**LD 1308 An Act to Provide Equitable Representation on the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MARTIN J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have added 2 members to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System, one who is a member of the retirement system through employment as a participating local district employee and who is appointed by the AFL-CIO and one member of the retirement system appointed by the Maine School Management Association. The bill also would have increased the number of members needed for a quorum from 4 to 6 and the minimum number of votes needed to take action from 4 to 6.