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**STATE OF MAINE
116TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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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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LD 1317 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Recording of Deeds

PUBLIC 230

SPONSOR(S)

LOOK

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-383

SUMMARY

This bill allows a register of deeds to return illegible documents. It also increases the recording fees for plans and eliminates a duplicate recording requirement.

The committee amendment (H-383) removes sections 2, which raises the fees and removes section 3, the recording requirement.

LD 1318 An Act Prohibiting Local Ordinances that Regulate Indoor Private Gatherings

ONTP

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STEVENS K
O'DEA

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP MAJ
OTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits local ordinances that regulate or require permits for indoor private gatherings in private residences. The purpose of this bill is to protect the constitutional rights of free speech and free association.

LD 1336 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Maine Citizens to Propose Constitutional Amendments by Initiative

ONTP

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MICHAEL

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This constitutional resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to permit citizens to initiate amendments to the Constitution. A citizen-initiated amendment requires approval by 2/3 of the voters at a referendum, ratification by a majority of the Legislature and signature of the Governor. The Governor's veto of the amendment may be overridden by a majority vote in both Houses.

LD 1338 An Act Regarding Notaries Public

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

KERR

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires that notaries be bonded when acknowledging documents associated with commercial transactions.