

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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  
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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:

*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*

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 1319     An Act Related to Conferring Degrees by Thomas College**P & S 24  
EMERGENCY**SPONSOR(S)**  
GWADOSKY**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-244**SUMMARY**

This bill allows Thomas College to confer the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science.

Committee Amendment "A" amends the private and special laws governing the degree-granting authority of Thomas College to make these laws consistent with the intent of the original bill. These changes allow Thomas College to grant a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree. This authority is consistent with the authority granted to other higher educational institutions in the State.

**LD 1345     An Act Concerning School Siting**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HEESCHEN**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the construction or expansion of a school facility at a site that experiences average annual electromagnetic field strengths of 2 milligauss or more. Utilities would have been required to test proposed school construction sites to determine compliance with this standard at no charge to school administrative units.

**LD 1397     An Act to Provide University of Maine System Employees the Option of Biweekly Payment**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
AULT**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed University of Maine System employees to receive their paychecks on a biweekly basis.

**LD 1398     An Act to Provide for Direct Reimbursement of Special Education Costs**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
COLES**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have guaranteed that each school administrative unit in the State would receive compensation for its current year special education costs on a monthly basis. Compensation for special education costs would equal the unit's most recent monthly special education expenditure, multiplied by the average statewide state share percentage of program costs in the current year.