

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**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*

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staggered terms. Following submission of budget estimates by the county commissioners and a public hearing held by the budget committee, the committee adopts the county budget. That budget may be changed only by a unanimous vote of the county commissioners, which change may, in turn, be overridden by a 2/3 vote of the budget committee. The budget as finally approved at the county level is the basis on which the county commissioners apportion the county taxes.

**LD 1921      An Act to Redistrict the Knox County Budget Committee District**

PUBLIC 565  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

Public Law 1993, chapter 345 required the county commissioners of Knox County to prepare a redistricting plan for county budget committee seats. This bill enacts the changes contained in the county commissioners' plan.

**LD 1926      An Act to Preserve Maine's Part-time Citizen Legislature by Making the Legislative Process More Efficient**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
HANLEY	ONTP      MAJ	
	OTP-AM      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill sets the statutory adjournment dates for the Legislature as May 1st for the first regular session and March 15th for the 2nd regular session.

**LD 1933      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Reduce the Size of the Maine Legislature**

INDEF PP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LIPMAN		

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 99 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members to 33 members. The redistricting will be done by the 117th Legislature and the reduction in the size of the bodies takes effect for the 118th Legislature. The resolution is the same as LD 551 considered by the committee in 1993 and was sent directly to the floor without reference to committee.