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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

LD 1749

An Act to Require the Secretary of State to Establish a Central Voter List for the State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER KONTOS	ONTP	

LD 1749 proposed to require the Secretary of State to maintain a central voting list for the State and to update the list at least once a year by requesting the voting list from the registrar of every municipality in the State. This bill would have also required a registrar to furnish the voting list for the registrar's municipality to the Secretary of State upon request from the Secretary of State.

LD 1751

An Act to Require Voters to Sign Their Names Prior to Voting

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARVIN	ONTP	

LD 1751 proposed to require a voter to sign his or her name before voting and would have required an election clerk to verify the identity of the voter by checking the signature of the voter against the signature on file for that voter in the municipality's general register.

LD 1752

An Act to Require Certain Proof of Identity to be Presented When Registering to Vote

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARVIN	ONTP	

LD 1752 proposed to require a person to show a driver's license or state identification card when appearing in person to register to vote.

LD 1765

Resolve, Requiring the Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Investigate the Requirements for Maine to Join the PowerBall Lottery

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POVICH CAREY	ONTP	

LD 1765 proposed to require the Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to investigate the requirements for Maine to join the PowerBall lottery, including contacting the Multi-State Lottery Association and obtain all of the necessary information that will allow Maine to join the PowerBall lottery. The director would have been required to report back to the Legislature by January 1, 2000 with the findings of the investigation and proposed legislation to implement the PowerBall lottery in the State.