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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.

2399	AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL VOTING ON SCHOOL ADMINIS- TRATIVE DISTRICT BUDGETS (New draft of LD 2195)	Ridley Carroll Seavey Wood	ND OF 2195 PL 1984, C. 770
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SUMMARY: The original bill would have required all school administrative districts (SADs) which vote on their budget by referendum to use the referendum method on subsequent votes if the budget failed on the first vote. Under present law, subsequent votes are by the district meeting method. The original bill also would have given all SADs the option of holding any referendum 14 days after posting a warrant (rather than the usual 30 days). Finally, it would have limited an SAD to its prior year budget if it could not pass a budget by July 1.

The new draft provides for a secret ballot at budget meetings if 10% of the voters request it, allows the holding of referendums on school budgets 14 days after the posting of a warrant, and gives the board of directors the option of holding subsequent votes either by the referendum or district meeting method after a budget failure.

2434	AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL	E. Mitchell	ND OF 2209 PL 1984, C. 845
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SUMMARY: The bill establishes a new certification process for teachers. It establishes three levels of certification - Provisional, Professional, and Master Teacher. Beginning teachers receive a provisional certificate for 2 years during which time they are aided by a support system to achieve a professional teacher status. After two years, based on a recommendation of a support system, the commissioner may grant a 5 year professional certificate. Professional teachers who wish to receive a Master Teacher Certificate must show superior teaching skills and develop a plan with a support system to achieve Master Teacher status. Pilot projects to test the master teacher model start by July, 1985. The Act comes into full effect in July 1988. In the interim both the State of Board Education and the Joint Standing Committee on Education will study its implementation. All certificates awarded before July 1, 1986, under the old statute and rules will remain valid until their expiration dates. The bill costs \$500,000 in FY 1984-85.

2462	AN ACT TO MAKE CORRECTIONS OF ERRORS AND INCONSIS- TENCIES IN THE LAWS OF MAINE	Trafton Hobbins	JUDICIARY MAJ-ND OF 2382 PL 1984, C. 816
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SUMMARY: Makes corrections in the Laws of Maine including a couple of sections in Title 20-A where there were conflicting enactments in bills heard by the Education Committee and Appropriations Committee.