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### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JULY 1985

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

As a result, the State Government Committee in 1983, completely redrafted the proposed bill to require state agencies to adopt rules with respect to the Selection of service organizations and award of service contracts and grants. The rules are required to include provisions relating to bid notification, review of applications, awards of contracts, appeals from agency decisions, and criteria for the review of agency decisions.

The redrafted legislation did <u>not</u> include rules defining the procedure by which contracts or grants could be terminated prior to their expiration date or not renewed following their expiration.

The proposed provisions of LD 565, however, gave contracts and grants the status of a license that could not be terminated except by the courts. Furthermore, contracts and grants may be terminated or not renewed for many reasons that are unrelated to performance such as the impoundment or rescinding of federal monies, the investment of state dollars in other programs, or insufficient funds to fund particular programs.

In order to provide contract and grant holders with some degree of protection from arbitrary decisions of state agencies, the State Government Committee requested the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to develop a procedure that could apply to service contracts and be incorporated into the Manual of Financial Procedures.

LD: 573 A

AN ACT TO ADJUST THE COMPENSATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

TWITCHELL ERWIN E VOSE JACQUES

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HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

### SUMMARY:

LD 573 proposed to provide Committee chairpersons with a 10% salary increase above that of legislators who are not chairpersons and who are not in "leadership roles." The purpose of the proposal is to compensate committee . chairpersons for the additional duties and responsibilities required of those positions. The additional cost would be \$41,400 for the biennium.

Approximately 11 states provide additional compensation to 1 or more committee chairs for the additional duties requires of those positions.

The Committee voted to give the sponsors a "leave-to-withdraw." There was insufficient support for the bill.

LD: 574 AN ACT TO EXPEDITE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS EMERGENCY

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HOUSE Accepted Committee Report SENATE Accepted Committee Report GOV

#### SUMMARY:

LD 574 proposed to establish the Friday before Memorial Day as the termination date for the First Regular Session and March 31st as the termination date for the Second Regular Session of the Legislature. LD 574 eliminates the ceilings of 100 legislative days and 50 legislative days for the First and Second Regular Sessions respectively. The bill proposes to make the new provisions effective immediately.

In addition, the Legislature, by a 2/3 vote, could vote to extend the adjournment date for no more than 5 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays for emergencies only.

The purpose of the bill is twofold. One purpose is to provide the general public with a specific date by which legislative business will be completed. The second purpose is to incur savings resulting from shorter sessions.

The Committee voted to use LD 408 as the "vehicle bill" for legislation establishing a limit on legislative sessions.

LD: 580 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE 1985 AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY THE MAINE HOUSING AUTHORITIES ACT

DIAMOND J LACROIX DILLENBACK VIOLETTE

PUBLIC CH # 151

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### SUMMARY:

A. Authorizes the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) to administer and operate housing and housing-related programs for state agencies, political subdivisions of the State, non-profit housing corporation, the judicial branch of Government, and municipal housing authorities;