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BILL SUMMARY



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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 First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 905 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO PROVIDE FOR AN  
EXPRESS STATEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO BAIL AND  
AUTHORIZING THE DENIAL OF BAIL IN CERTAIN  
CASES

DIAMOND J  
KANE  
MCGOWAN  
CHALMERS

CARRY OVER HOUSE Ref'd to Committee  
SENATE Ref'd to Committee  
GOV

SUMMARY:

Seeks to put out to referendum a constitutional amendment (amending Article I, Section 10 of the Maine Constitution), first proposed to the Legislature in 1984 by the Governor's Bail Commission, that would permit the denial of bail in criminal cases where the offense was a serious one committed against a person; where conviction would probably result; and where no bail or release conditions would reduce a substantial risk of nonappearance at court, the commission of another such offense, or a threat to the integrity of the judicial process.

LD: 917 AN ACT RELATING TO PROTECTION FROM ABUSE LAW

RIDLEY  
CROWLEY  
GWADOSKY  
WEYMOUTH

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to require a plaintiff who has filed a protection from abuse complaint against a household member, and who probably has obtained an ex parte (i.e., without the defendant appearing in court) protection-from-abuse order from the court, to appear at the full, statutorily required hearing on the order. If the plaintiff failed to appear, he or she would have had to pay \$10 before filing a subsequent complaint.

LD: 918 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO SPOUSAL  
ELECTIVE SHARES UNDER THE PROBATE CODE

JACQUES

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

Sought to abolish the elective share provision of the Probate Code under which a surviving spouse may take contrary to the provisions of the decedent's will.