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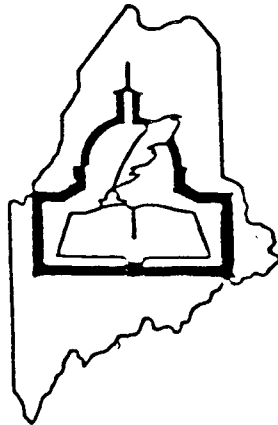
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BILL SUMMARY



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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: 1349 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ONE-STOP STATE  
LICENSING AND PERMITTING OF BUSINESSES  
ND: 1574

BELL  
SPROUL  
GWADOSKY  
KANY

OTP-ND HP1082 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

Please refer to LD 1574, the new draft of LD 1349.

LD: 1353 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO CORRECT CERTAIN  
INCONSISTENCIES RELATING TO CIVIL OFFICES

PARADIS P  
PRAY  
GWADOSKY  
DANTON

OTP-AM HOUSE Finally Passed -  
SENATE Finally Passed  
GOV

H-169 CA MAJ REP H S

SUMMARY:

LD 1353 authorizes legislators to run for State civil office which pays a salary, wage, or rate of compensation. Following appointment, the legislator appointed to the position is required to surrender his/her seat in the Legislature. Current law prohibits a legislator from accepting a civil office of profit to which he has been appointed and which requires legislative approval.

This law is part of the government reform legislation sparked by Watergate. The arguments against the proposal asserted that:

1. legislators are elected by the general public to a specified turn of office and are not elected to go to Augusta to be appointed to a state position, and
2. legislators are in a position to obtain favors which may (or may not) involve a conflict of interest with respect to accepting an appointment to civil office.

Proponents of the bill argued that in some cases, legislators are the best candidate for a particular position and possess both knowledge and experience required of the job.