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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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: 1465 AN ACT RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

MAYO
CARROLL
WEYMOUTH
CHALMERS

ND: 257

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 194

H-119

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SUMMARY:

LD 257, the original bill proposed adding 2 persons to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The bill proposed a nonsupervisory corrections officer on the county level and one non-supervisory corrections officer on the State level to serve on the board. Commission Stilphen argued that only 1 non-supervisory corrections officer was necessary.

LD 1465 therefore proposed one non-supervisory corrections officer who could be selected from a State or County Corrections facility.

House Amendment "A" struck out the existing language establishing the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation as a member of the board and substituted the Game Warden Colonel in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

LD: 1504 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAINE COURT FACILITIES AUTHORITY

CARPENTER
KANE

RE-REF

HOUSE Other
SENATE Other
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 1504, referred to the Committee on State Government from the Committee on Judiciary, is being held by the Committee until the Second Regular Session.

LD 1504 proposes to establish an independent State agency with the authority to issue bonds, notes, and loans, the proceeds of which may be used only to construct, reconstruct, or improve court house facilities. The bonds would be paid with revenues derived from rental charges paid by the courts to use the new court buildings. The rental fees, supposedly, would be provided in the budget approved by the Legislature for the judiciary.

The Committee was concerned about:

1. the lack of criteria for membership on the Authority,

2. the absence of a limit on the amount of bonds that could be outstanding at anyone time,
3. the fiscal note of \$25,000 which assumes the equivalent of one person for 1 day per week,
4. several other costs not specifically addressed by the fiscal note,
5. establishing another independent agency when an existing agency such as FAME could undertake the responsibility, and
6. the circumvention of general public approval for new court room facilities.

LD: 1510 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE STATE PROPERTY UPON RETIREMENT OR LEAVING OFFICE BONNEY
 ND: 696

HOUSE Enacted PUBLIC
 SENATE Enacted CH # 378
 GOV SIGNED

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SUMMARY:

LD 696, the original bill, prohibited elected officials, state appointees, and state employees from taking state property for personal use upon their retirement or leaving office. The bill did not allow a retiring state employee to purchase state property or a group of employees to purchase state property as a retirement or goodby gift.

LD 1510 allowed a state employee, appointee, or elected official to purchase property that was assigned to or used principally by him upon retirement or leaving his position. In addition, the bill required the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to establish procedures by which the employees could purchase the property.

Violation of the law would result in penalties as established in the Maine Criminal Code.

The Governor's office urged the adoption of an amendment that would remove any implication that the employee had a right to purchase property which he or she used including expensive or irreplaceable equipment. A Senate amendment was approved by both houses that allows the Commissioner of Finance and Administration to determine property eligible for sale under this Act.