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

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD 2135 AN ACT TO INSURE THE RIGHTS OF THE STAFF OF THE PROJECTS SERVING PRESCHOOL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND OTHER PRESCHOOL TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT ND LD 2340

Sponsor: RYDELL, Clark, N., Maybury, Taylor
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2340.

LD 2157 AN ACT GRANDFATHER CURRENT EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF MILITARY LEAVE SERVICE TIME PL 1985 c. 790

Sponsor: HICKEY, Gauvreau, Clark, N., Crowley
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1789. OTP

SUMMARY: The First Session of 112th Legislature passed a bill limiting the rights of veterans to purchase military service credits after 15 years of service as a state employee or teacher. It also raised the interest rate charged from 2% to 5%. An Attorney General's Opinion declared that the changes were unconstitutional because they violated a contractual agreement these employees had with their employer regarding the purchase of service credits. The new draft reinstates the original language of the statutes.

LD 2197 AN ACT RELATING TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR CONFIDENTIAL STATE EMPLOYEES ND LD 2366

Sponsor: MARTIN, J.
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 2366.

LD 2202 A RESOLVE TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INTEGRATION OF THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM RESOLVE 1985 c. 88

Sponsor: CLARK, N., McGowan, Najarian
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1777. OTP

S-420 BROWN, L. H S

SUMMARY: Both the original bill and the new draft establish a commission to study the similarities and differences between the Maine State Retirement System and the Social Security System. Two members of the commission are to be appointed by the President of the Senate, two by the Speaker of the House and three by the Governor. The new draft makes it clear that the charge of the commission is to study the benefits available under the two systems and the actual benefits received by members with different patterns of contributions under one or both systems. The commission is not charged with making actuarial analyses of the cost of various specific methods of integrating the two systems. The commission's report to the Legislature should provide background information which the Legislature can use to respond to any integration proposals or mandatory coverage requirement by the federal government. The Senate Amendment makes technical drafting changes.

LD AN ACT TO RECODIFY THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT
2231 SYSTEM

PL 1985
c. 801

Sponsor: CLARK, N., Gauvreau, Hickey, Perry
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1246. OTP

H-596 HICKEY
H-690 HICKEY H S
H-726 HICKEY
S-467 CLARK, N.
S-468 CLARK, N.

SUMMARY: The bill is a hold over from the first regular session and recodifies the Maine State Retirement System statutes. It puts the statute into modern drafting language. The new draft is a major reorganization of the statute and makes a clear division between the provisions applicable to teachers and state workers on the one hand and municipal employees on the other. House Amendment B (H-690) incorporated the bills passed by the 113th Legislature into the recodification and gives the bill an effective date of January 1, 1987. House Amendment A (H-596) would have made the bill an emergency and Senate Amendment A (S-468) would have incorporated bills passed during the session into the emergency bill. The final House Amendment (H-726) would have specified the use of the funds appropriated in House Amendment A.