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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

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:

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

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. commission is not charged with making actuarial analyses of the cost of various specific methods of integrating the two 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 2231 AN ACT TO RECODIFY THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT 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 The new draft is a major reorganization of the language. 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 affective 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.