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Part I State Government

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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 and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

The Identification Bureau is currently directed by a commanding officer who employs 12 civilian people to operate the Bureau. The Bureau, like the State Police is funded 75% by the Highway Fund and 25% by the General Fund.

The bill was redrafted to allow the SBI to charge fees to non-governmental organizations to be used to "computerize" their records. Following a ruling that the new bill (LD1722) was not germane, the bill was referred back to Committee and held over to the Second Regular Session.

LD 161 AN ACT TO IMPROVE LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC ACCESS ND LD 1651
TO THE AGENCY RULE-MAKING PROCESS
(Reported Pursuant to a Study by the Local Government Committee)

Sponsor: REPORT
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1651

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1651.

LD 168 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE H-ONTP
CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO PROVIDE FOR STAGGERED S-OTP-A
4-YEAR TERMS FOR REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsor: PRAY, Tuttle, Dow, Bustin
Committee Report: OTP-A (Majority)
ONTP (Minority)

SUMMARY: LD 168 proposed to lengthen, from 2 years to 4 years, the term of office for representatives elected to the Maine House of Representatives. In addition, the terms would be staggered. Beginning in 1988, representatives in the odd-numbered districts would be elected to 4 year terms. Beginning in 1990, representatives in even numbered districts would be elected to 4 year terms.

Four states, Alabama, Louisiana, Maryland, and Mississippi, have 4 year terms for representatives. Nebraska which has a unicameral legislature also has 4 year terms. The rest of the states have 2 year terms of office for representatives elected to state legislatures.

The bill was amended in the majority report to remove the staggered elections and thereby prevent confusion among voters with respect to which seats are up for re-election, but the bill died between the houses.