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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

LD 173 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FROM 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS

INDEF PP

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

SUMMARY: LD 173 proposed to lengthen the term of office from 2 years to 4 years for senators elected to the Maine Senate. In addition, the terms would be staggered. Beginning in 1988, senators elected in the odd numbered districts would be elected to 4 year terms. In 1990, senators from the even numbered districts would be elected to 4 year terms.

Twelve states have 2-year Senate terms, 37 states have 4-year Senate terms, and 1 state, Nebraska, has a unicameral legislature with a 4-year term.

The bill was amended in the majority report to remove the staggered election provision in order to prevent confusion among voters, but the bill died between the Houses.

LD 185 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF MAINE REQUIRING CANDIDATES FOR
THE MAINE LEGISLATURE TO BE RESIDENTS OF THE
DISTRICT WHICH THEY SEEK TO REPRESENT BY
JANUARY 1ST PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE GENERALL
ELECTION

LVWD

Sponsor: VOSE
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 185 proposes to require all candidates who run for election to the State Legislature to be residents of the district which they seek to represent by January 1 preceding the general election. This would also ensure that the residency requirement is applied to primary elections as well as the general election. Currently, there is no provision for a person to be a resident of the district until 3 months prior to the general election.

The bill was withdrawn because of similar legislation presented to the Committee on Legal Affairs.