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BILL SUMMARY



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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.

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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

short term funds, the Retirement System does not project any significant cost from divestiture. Finally, the committee amendment required the Retirement System to use its stock-share-vote to encourage companies to divest their holdings in South Africa during the five year transition period .

LD AN ACT TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD LVWD
361 OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT
SYSTEM

Sponsor: JALBERT, Greenlaw, Perry, McSweeney
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have added a member to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System. The new member would have been elected by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

LD AN ACT TO MAKE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ONTP
364 MEMBERSHIP OPTIONAL FOR EMPLOYEES IN PART-
ICIPATING LOCAL DISTRICTS THAT ESTABLISH AN
ALTERNATIVE PENSION SYSTEM

Sponsor: MANNING,
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Presently, participating local districts provide retirement, disability and survivors benefits under one of three options. They can provide Social Security alone, Maine State Retirement alone, or both. Under state statutes, a district can elect to withdraw from State Retirement as long as it provides Social Security. Social Security does not allow districts to withdraw.

The bill would have made participation in the State Retirement System optional even if a district did not participate in Social Security as long as the district enacted an ordinance establishing a system of pension benefits for its employees. The employee could choose to belong to the State Retirement System or the district's independent pension plan.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF LVWD
383 TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE VETERANS' HOMES

Sponsor: MARTIN, Davis
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have increased the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Home from 10

to 14 members. The four new members would be appointed by the Governor from lists of three names submitted by each of the auxiliaries of the largest veterans organizations. This would have added women to the board.

LD AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR LVWD
443 EARLY RETIREMENT AFTER 30 YEARS OF TEACHING

Sponsor: HANDY, Joseph, Warren, Paradis J
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have allowed teachers who had taught for 30 years or more, at least 20 of that service being in Maine, to retire before age 60 without any reduction in pension because of early retirement.

LD AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN PRIVILEGES TO DISABLED PL 1987
481 AMERICAN VETERANS c. 352

Sponsor: TRACY, Kany, Hickey, Nutting
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill extends two privileges to veterans who are 100% disabled. First, it entitles the veteran to a complimentary hunting or fishing license. Second, it removes the requirement that a disabled veteran had to have served in a combat zone in order to qualify for a free special automobile license plate.

LD RESOLVE, TO CONTINUE THE COMMISSION TO STUDY RESOLVES
514 THE INTEGRATION OF THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT c. 53
SYSTEM WITH THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY EMERGENCY
SYSTEM

Sponsor: CLARK, N., Jalbert, Maybury, Perry
Committee Report: OTP-AM
Amendments Adopted:
S-5 COMMITTEE
S-271 PEARSON

SUMMARY: The bill provides for a continuation of the Commission to Study the Integration of the Maine State Retirement System with the United States Social Security System. The Commission submitted a report at the beginning of the present Legislature comparing the benefits of the two systems. In the second year, the original draft would have provided money for the commission to work with the actuary of the Maine State Retirement System to develop a specific proposal to provide a new option within the Maine