

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARY



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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.

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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

Sponsor: GAUVREAU, Paradis, P. MacBride, Black  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-54 PARADIS  
S-16 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 398 proposed to amend the laws related to the compensation of jurors. The bill increased the mileage allowance for the calculation of travel expenses from 15 cents to 21 cents per mile. It also permitted parking expenses to be reimbursed, up to a limit of \$5 a day, and provided that potential jurors who were excused from service on the first day would receive only a half day's compensation of \$10.

The Committee Amendment (S-16) deleted the \$5 restriction on parking reimbursement, deleted the provision reducing compensation to excused jurors, and added an appropriation section to the bill.

The House Amendment (H-54) reinstated the provision that restricted a juror's pay to \$10 if the juror was excused from service or his service was postponed.

LD AN ACT DECLARING ALL COURT PAPERS, BOOKS AND  
415 RECORDS PERTAINING TO ADOPTIONS CONFIDENTIAL  
AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR RELEASE

LVWD

Sponsor: McPHERSON, Rolde  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Current law appears to make all Probate Court records relating to adoptions decreed on or after August 8, 1953 confidential. This bill would have allowed limited access to these records through the Probate Court. The access would have been restricted to adoptees, adoptive parents, birth parents and significant others directly involved in the adoption. The bill would also have allowed any medical or genetic information in the court records to be made available to the birth parents of an adoptee upon petition to the court.