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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT Part I State Government

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1987

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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 |

Persons covered by the bill include: classified state employees, exceptions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 461, subsection 2; and unclassified state employees, exceptions listed in Title 5, section 461, subsection 2.

Persons exempted from the provisions of this bill include: elective officers chosen by popular election; Constitutional officers; heads of departments, members of boards appointed by the Governor and some bureau chiefs. This group is not excluded with respect to prohibition against solicitation of political contributions; officers and employees in the judicial service; officers and employees of the House of Representatives and Senate; employees in the Governor's office and at the Blaine Mansion; officers and employees of the school system in the unorganized territory and teachers and principals of state vocational schools and institutes; and The Attorney General's office.

Prohibited activities for state employees covered by the bill are that: state employees may not run in any election for state office; state employees, including heads of departments, members of boards and commissions appointed by the Governor and some bureau directors, may not solicit political contributions; state employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly coercing political contributions; state employees are prohibited from using their official authority or influence to affect the result of an election; and State law enforcement officers are governed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter 403, which regulates solicitation and office holding for law enforcement officers.

Permitted activities for state employees covered by the billare that: state employees may be candidates in any nonpartisan election; a state employee may be a candidate in municipal and county partisan elections as long as he has a statement from his appointing authority that the employee does not fall under the Federal Hatch Act; and state employees may participate in political campaigns at any level, municipal, county or state, including donation of time, funds and services.

LD RESOLVE, TO NAME THE EASTPORT BREAKWATER THE LVWD 750 HARRY L. VOSE BREAKWATER

Sponsor: PEARSON, Moholland, Tammaro, Dow Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The purpose of the bill is stated in its title.