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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
MAY 1988**

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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::

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

Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS

LD An Act to Establish a Presidential Primary in Maine
328

PUBLIC
797
ENACTED

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KANY	OTP-AM MAJ	H-484 RACINE
DUTREMBLE D		S-329 MAJ REP
MARTIN H		
HICHBORN		

SUMMARY

During the First Regular Session, this bill was reported out by the majority of the Committee in New Draft. The New Draft, LD 1595, was indefinitely postponed after being tabled on the Appropriations Table. This session, the bill was recalled from the Legislative files and recommitted to the Legal Affairs Committee. The majority report would make the same changes as the New Draft proposed last session, but as a Committee Amendment.

The original bill (LD 328) would establish a presidential primary for each party which certifies that there is a contest among candidates for nomination as the presidential candidate of that party. The primary would be held the first Tuesday in March or the same date as the New Hampshire primary, whichever is earlier, but not before January 1st.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-329) would allow the party to set the date of the primary.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-484) would require the State to bear the municipalities' costs of the primary.

LD An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Training for Law
790 Enforcement Officers

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
KANY	LV/WD	
TUPPER		
KETOVER		
PAUL		

SUMMARY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to allow time for the Legislative Council-approved study to examine the issues of law enforcement training and funding. (see LD 2120, LD 2594)

This bill would require that law enforcement officers, before they may carry a gun or have arrest powers, must complete the basic training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Current law requires that they complete training within 6 months of starting work. Replaced by study bill, LD 2120.