

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 1282 AN ACT TO BROADEN THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS, ELECTION PRACTICES AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS TO INCLUDE LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW TO REVIEW BILLS PROPOSED TO THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE ONTP

Sponsor: McHENRY, Tuttle, Carroll  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 1282 proposed that the duties of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices be expanded to include review and recommendation of bills for submission to the Second Regular Session of the Legislature. The commission would become the Commission on Governmental Ethics, Election Practices, and Legislative Matters. Final appeals would be to the Legislature which, by a 2/3 vote, may allow a bill to be submitted.

Currently, as indicated in Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 of the Maine Constitution, the business of the Second Regular Session is limited to: budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted to the Legislature; Legislation referred to a committee for study and report.

The Legislative Council reviews all bills proposed by legislators for submission to the Second Regular Session to determine whether they meet the Constitutional criteria. The Legislative Council hears appeals whenever legislators request review of an adverse decision.

LD 1288 AN ACT RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (Reported Pursuant to Public Laws, Chapt. 732 of 1985) INDEF PP

Sponsor:  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-295 COMMITTEE  
H-365 CARROLL  
H-212 CLARK, N.

SUMMARY: LD 1288 proposed the following:

- A. To remove the requirement that members of advisory boards be sworn by the Secretary of State.
- B. To change the designations of some types of boards and adds new designations:

- 1) arbitration, mediation, valuation and appeals boards is a combination of the former designations: property assessment; valuation and appeals boards; and labor or management arbitration boards
  - 2) educational policy boards is a new category
  - 3) budget and rate regulation is a new category
  - 4) general government replaces the former category title of policy boards with specific or limited purposes.
- C. to require each board to appoint a clerk who is responsible for submitting reports to the Secretary of State.
  - D. to authorize commissioners and directors of state agencies to appoint ad-hoc advisory boards to provide informal advice to the department or agency.
  - E. to require the Secretary of State to report board activities to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government in order for the Legislature to determine how active and how useful boards are.
  - F. to require the Secretary of State to report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House by December 30 of each year with respect to the expiration of terms of board members for the ensuing year in order for these appointing authorities to be aware of appointments they need to make.
  - G. to abolish 30 boards including the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.
  - H. to provide for the computerization of reports of boards and commissions including members and the date of expiration of their term of office.

LD 1288 was the product of a study of a small group of legislators and state government spokespeople.

The appropriation in the bill proposed to provide for the computerization of these reports, an annual report of board activities to the Legislature, and expiration of terms of members of boards.