

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Part I State Government

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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.

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 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE AS  
1321 MAINE STATE GARDEN WEEK

ND LD 1704  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MELENDY, Hoglund, Foster, Kany  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1704

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1704.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR ALLOCATION  
1358 OF THE STATE CEILING ON PRIVATE-ACTIVITY BONDS

ND LD 1819  
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: PRAY, Martin, J., Perkins  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1819

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1819.

LD RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
1389 CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
POPULAR ELECTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
SECRETARY OF STATE, TREASURER OF STATE AND  
STATE AUDITOR

ONTP

Sponsor: HEPBURN, Strout, B., Anderson, Gould, R. R.  
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: LD 1389 proposed that the Constitutional Officers  
(Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, and  
State Auditor) be elected by the citizens of the State at  
the general election in the same manner as the Governor and  
the Representatives and Senators of the State Legislature  
are elected.

With the exception of the State Auditor who would serve a 4  
year term, the other Constitutional Officers would serve 2  
year terms. These terms of office would be the same as  
current terms.

LD AN ACT TO PREVENT ABUSE OF HANDICAPPED PARKING  
1402 SPACES

PL 1987  
c. 390

Sponsor: MATTHEWS, Z., Andrews, Pray, Diamond  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-290 ANTHONY  
S-148 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 1402 amends the statutes relating to public  
accommodations for physically handicapped people. Current  
provisions of the law (5 MRSA §§4593, 4594, and 4594-A) are  
aimed at providing equal access for handicapped people to  
public facilities by requiring walkways, doors, and  
restroom facilities to meet certain standards.

LD 1402 addresses parking accommodations to provide easier access for handicapped persons to public accommodations. The bill proposes to require the designation of at least one parking space for every 25 parking spaces available to the public on a public or private parking lot.

LD 1402 also amends the statute relating to municipal ordinances that are enacted to provide for handicapped parking. The bill changes the penalty from a maximum fine of \$25 to a minimum fine of \$50 unless a municipal ordinance establishes a different penalty.

The bill applies to existing facilities, and facilities constructed in the future.

This bill was amended twice. One amendment changed the ratio of handicapped parking spaces to parking spaces available to the general public from 1 to 20 to 1 to 25. This amendment also establishes a \$50 fine for all infractions of this law and mandates that owners of private off-street parking shall arrange for enforcement by private means or public agencies. A second amendment defines clearly marked to include painted signs on pavement, vertical standing signs or barriers which are visible in existing weather conditions.

LD	AN ACT TO MAKE THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY A MAJOR	PL 1987
1407	POLICY-INFLUENCING POSITION	c. 355
		EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MACBRIDE, Priest, Branningan, Gould, R. R.  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
H-229 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 1407 amends Title 5, section 948, to place the Director of Safety within the category of major policy-influencing positions within the Department of Public Safety. LD 1407 was amended to make it emergency legislation.

LD	AN ACT TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO ORDER EMERGENCY	PL 1987
1446	ACTIVATION OF THE GUARD IN ADVANCE OF AN	c. 429
	IMMINENT DISASTER	

Sponsor: CARROLL, Diamond, Strout, B.  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: LD 1446 enables the Governor to order emergency activation of state military forces in advance of an imminent disaster. Present law does not explicitly allow mobilization of the state military forces, such as the National Guard, to prepare for an imminent disaster. For