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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 Lorette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.

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counties would be included with state employees whom the State would be required to reimburse when these employees successfully defended themselves against criminal charges. Hearing testimony also explained that some public employees who are acquitted of criminal charges relating to conduct of their official duties are subject to other disciplinary measures following acquittal. While there may not have been evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the employee committed a criminal violation, there may be sufficient evidence to warrant certain disciplinary measures.

The bill was amended to establish a legislative commission to study the issue relating to legal expenses incurred by state employees only who are charged with criminal violations for actions involved in the conduct of their official duties. Specifically, it was proposed that the commission look at the current process by which state employees are reimbursed or denied reimbursement of legal expenses that they incur. The commission would determine the deficiencies in the process, and make recommendations to improve the process.

LD An Act to Extend a Sunset Provision in the Civil
2410 Service Law

ND 2605

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-ND

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2605

LD An Act Relating to Conflict of Interest for Certain PUBLIC
2419 Governmental Officials and Employees (Reported Pursuant to a 784
Study by the Committee on State and Local Government)

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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-687 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

LD 2419 proposed the following:

1. That members of state boards and commissions and municipal and county officials be subject to the same conflict of interest provisions as state officials.
2. That State employees, members of boards, and municipal and county officials be required to:
 - A. abstain in proceedings in which they, their children, or their parents are involved, and
 - B. avoid all appearances of a conflict of interest.