

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

**STATE OF MAINE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



**BILL SUMMARY  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS  
JULY 1989**

**MEMBERS**

Sen. Bonnie L. Titcomb \*  
Sen. Nancy Randall Clark  
Sen. Pamela Lee Cahill

Rep. Daniel B. Hickey \*  
Rep. John McSweeney  
Rep. Alexander Richard  
Rep. John Jalbert  
Rep. Lucien A. Dutremble  
Rep. Arnold Brewer, Jr.  
Rep. Jean T. Dellert  
Rep. Madeline D. Stevenson  
Rep. Wendy L. Ault  
Rep. Kathryn D. Merrill

\* Denotes Chair

Staff: John B. Knox, Legislative Analyst

Office of Policy & Legal Analysis  
Room 101, State House Sta. 13  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(207) 289-1670

MARTHA E. FREEMAN, DIRECTOR  
WILLIAM T. GLIDDEN, PRINCIPAL ANALYST  
ULIE S. JONES, PRINCIPAL ANALYST  
DAVID C. ELLIOTT, PRINCIPAL ANALYST  
GILBERT W. BREWER  
RODD R. BURROWES  
MIRO FLATEBO  
JEBORAH C. FRIEDMAN  
JOHN B. KNOX



STATE OF MAINE  
**OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**  
ROOM 101/107/135  
STATE HOUSE STATION 13  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333  
TEL: (207) 289-1670

ANNIKA E. LANE  
EDWARD POTTER  
MARGARET J. REINSCH  
LARS H. RYDELL  
JOHN R. SELSER  
HAVEN WHITESIDE  
CAROLYN J. CHICK, RES. ASST  
ROBERT W. DUNN, RES. ASST  
HARTLEY PALLESCHI, JR., RES. ASST

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

SPONSOR(S)  
ROLDECOMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WDAMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill broadens the eligibility requirements for the 15% state payment of retired teacher group health insurance to include dependents of eligible participants if those dependents have at least 10 years of creditable service as teachers and receive retirement benefits from the Maine State Retirement System.

**LD 375** An Act to Provide that Medical Information in the Files of  
the Maine State Retirement System is not Public Information

PUBLIC 76

SPONSOR(S)  
DAGGETT  
TITCOMBCOMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-42SUMMARY

This bill requires that the Maine State Retirement System treat medical information of any kind that is in its possession as confidential information

Committee Amendment "A" assures that an employee can have access to any medical information pertaining to the employee. It also authorizes access by the employer for claims relating to workers' compensation or other benefits, while preserving the confidentiality of the information, except when involved in proceedings regarding these claims.

**LD 414** An Act to Establish a Volunteer Firefighters' Pension Fund

CARRY OVER

SPONSOR(S)  
MITCHELL  
CLARK N  
GILL  
BUSTINCOMMITTEE REPORTAMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

This bill provides a pension system and death and disability benefits for volunteer firefighters.

**LD 426** An Act to Provide for Division of Omitted Marital Property

PUBLIC 150

SPONSOR(S)  
MELENDY  
ALLEN  
CROWLEY  
HOLLOWAYCOMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AMAMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-119 HICKEY  
H-152 ANTHONYSUMMARY

In 1983, the United States Congress gave states the right to allocate a portion of a person's military retirement to that person's spouse upon a divorce. There was, however, no provision for persons divorced before 1983. This bill allows persons divorced from members of the Armed Forces before 1983 to bring a court action for partition of the member's retirement benefits.