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AGING, RETIREMENT AND VETERANS

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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.

**LD 549 An Act to Require That Any State Service of Retired Local District Employees Be Included as Part of the Local District Service for the Purpose of Computing Retirement Benefits**

**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)  
MICHAUD  
PRAY

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Currently, state employees, which includes teachers, and local district employees, may transfer their service for retirement purposes from one type of employment to another, state to local. However, unless the new employer elects differently, the rate of retirement compensation paid for the earlier employment period will be based on the highest salary during that employment, not during the entire period of the person's employment.

This bill requires that persons who transfer from state employment to local district employment shall have their state service retirement credit computed at the highest salary paid during their total employment with any group participating in the Maine State Retirement System.

**LD 585 An Act to Change the Dates for Burial Eligibility at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery**

**PUBLIC 96  
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)  
JOSEPH  
HICKEY  
HANDY  
TITCOMB

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-48

SUMMARY

This bill allows veterans who served in Vietnam between December 22, 1961 and August 5, 1964, to be buried in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Committee Amendment "A" eliminates the restriction that the veteran had to have served in Vietnam.

**LD 676 An Act to Provide that Certain Interest and Income Earned May Be Credited to the Maine State Retirement System for Administration**

**PUBLIC 77**

SPONSOR(S)  
DELLERT  
JALBERT  
MERRILL

COMMITTEE REPORT  
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
H-55

SUMMARY

In 1950, the United States Social Security Act was amended to permit states to cover employees of states and political subdivisions who were not covered by a retirement plan. The Legislature enacted the required legislation in 1951 to provide coverage for employees of political subdivisions.

The bill enacted by the Legislature in 1951 provided that the Maine State Retirement System would be the state agency responsible for the administration of social security for political subdivisions in Maine. "State agency" is the unit of State Government which works with the Social Security Administration in administering the federal social security program for employees of the state and political

