

# 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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
HICKEY	OTP-AM	H-140
BRANNIGAN		H-205 HICKEY
CAHILL P		
STROUT D		

SUMMARY

The current retirement system law limits cost-of-living adjustments to a maximum of 4% per year. This bill removes the 4% cap under the Maine State Retirement System and bases future cost-of-living adjustments on the Consumer Price Index.

Committee Amendment "A" requires that whenever the Consumer Price Index, CPI, rises more than 4% in a year, the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System will have the system's actuary determine the cost of granting an additional cost-of-living adjustment reflecting the difference between 4% and the actual increase in the CPI, after which they would submit a budget request for the required funds. If the Legislature appropriates the entire amount requested, the board would grant an additional increase equal to the difference between 4% and the actual increase in the CPI. If a smaller amount is appropriated, an additional increase, based upon the amount appropriated, would be granted. The additional cost-of-living adjustments will become a part of each retiree's base upon which future increases would be calculated.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" clarifies the procedures to be followed in requesting this adjustment.

**LD 754      An Act to Amend Certain Portions of the Maine Legislative  
Retirement System and the Maine Judicial Retirement System  
to Make Them Comparable to Similar Portions of the Maine  
State Retirement System Statutes**

PUBLIC 133

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
JALBERT	OTP-AM	H-99
HICKEY		

SUMMARY

The Maine Judicial Retirement System and the Maine Legislative Retirement System provided retirement benefits for judges, justices and legislators comparable to the benefits provided for state employees in the Maine State Retirement System. The principal purpose of this bill is to incorporate into the MJRS and MLRS changes that have been made to the MSRS since the enactment of the MJRS and the MLRS.

The most notable change to the MLRS is the addition of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 859, which allows a retiree who remarries after the death of a spouse to name a new spouse as a beneficiary if an original beneficiary was the retiree's deceased spouse.

The 2 most notable changes to the MJRS relate to survivor's benefits and change of beneficiary after the death of a spouse and remarriage of the retiree.