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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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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.

**LD 1049 An Act to Allow Notaries Public to Aid Absentee Voters
Without a Separate Witness**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

BUSTIN
HICKEY
PARADIS P
DAGGETT

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill removes the requirement that a notary public who assists a voter unable to vote without assistance must do so in the presence of a witness.

**LD 1056 An Act to Revoke Drivers' Licenses of Individuals Convicted
of Trafficking in Drugs**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

HEPBURN
KANY
PAUL
STEVENS A

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires a person convicted of drug trafficking to forfeit driving privileges for 6 months to 2 years. The bill forbids reinstatement of a convicted trafficker's license until a physician informs the Secretary of State the convicted trafficker is not a "drug dependent person" as defined by the bill. The bill provides that, if the convicted trafficker is under 17 at the time of conviction, the period of suspension will not begin to run until that person's 17th birthdate.

LD 1070 An Act Concerning Candidate Deadlines

ONTP

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NADEAU G R
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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill limits instances in which a political party may replace a candidate who has withdrawn or becomes disqualified prior to the general election. The bill allows replacement only of candidates who die prior to the general election or who withdraw 90 days before the general election. The bill allows 2 weeks for replacement of a deceased or withdrawn candidate.

See LDs 176, 470, 485 and 757.