

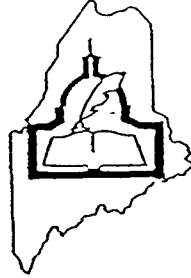
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1989

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.

Committee Amendment "A" eliminates the requirement that the Maine State Retirement System pay for a supplemental group policy for Medicare eligible retirees to make their deductions and coverages equal to non-Medicare retirees.

LD 1380 An Act Concerning Observance of Veterans' Commemoration Days

PUBLIC 211

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
RICHARD ERWIN E PARADIS E	OTP-AM	H-249

SUMMARY

This bill requires that bells owned by municipalities be rung at 11:00 a.m. on Veterans Day, and requires municipal officers to request others to ring bells on Veterans Day and to properly coordinate public and private efforts in this regard.

Committee Amendment "A" clarifies the wording of existing law regarding the display of flags on Memorial Day.

LD 1444 An Act to Expand the Maine State Retirement System for Reemployed Individuals

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
GILL MACOMBER	LV/WD	

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State to recognize creditable service earned by an employee of the Maine Turnpike Authority who is reemployed by the State in another position.

LD 1484 An Act to Fund the Maine State Retirement System for Certain Employees Previously Covered by the County Retirement System

PUBLIC 399

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
CONLEY GURNEY BRANNIGAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-372 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

There are as many as 20 employees who work or worked in various counties around the State who have never had their county retirement time converted to the state system for inclusion with their state time. Most of the employees work in the various Superior Courts around the State and never had their time converted along with the District Court employees who were absorbed into the state retirement system in the early 1970's. This bill eliminates this situation.

Committee Amendment "A" clarifies that the provisions of the bill will not be in conflict with another section of law which requires participating local districts to agree to legislative changes.

Also, the amendment makes it clear that the additional payments due retired employees are to be due on a prospective, not retroactive, basis.

LD 1514 An Act to Make Participation in the Maine Legislative Retirement System Optional

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

WHITMORE
PEARSON
DUTREMBLE D
REED

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This bill enables any Legislator to request a waiver from membership in the Maine Legislative Retirement System when membership may create or exacerbate a Legislator's federal tax liability due to the membership in another retirement plan.

LD 1515 An Act Amending the Law Governing the Maine Committee on Aging

VETO

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

CLARK N
HICKEY

OTP-AM

H-561 HICKEY
S-251

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Maine Committee on Aging to collect reasonable fees for issuing publications and reports.

Committee Amendment "A" reduces the number of Governor appointees to the Maine Committee on Aging from 13 to 9 and divides these appointments equally between the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" removes those parts of Committee Amendment "A" that deal with appointees to the Maine Committee on Aging, and adds a section that requires that the Governor make every effort not to appoint, after October 1, 1989, any persons who own for-profit entities that provide elderly services.

Senate Amendment "A" (not adopted) to Committee Amendment "A" removes those parts of Committee Amendment "A" that deal with appointees to the Maine Committee on Aging, but retains the section allowing the committee to charge a reasonable fee for reports and publications.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor. The veto was sustained.