

# 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  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
PART I - STATE GOVERNMENT

JULY 1989

MEMBERS

Sen. Georgette B. Berube \*  
Sen. Donald E. Esty, Jr.  
Sen. David L. Carpenter

Rep. Ruth Joseph \*  
Rep. Dorothy A. Rotondi  
Rep. Beverly C. Daggett  
Rep. Dan A. Gwadosky  
Rep. Conrad Heeschen  
Rep. Anne M. Larrivee  
Rep. Alberta M. Wentworth  
Rep. Jeanne F. Begley  
Rep. Dana C. Hanley  
Rep. John S. McCormick, Jr.

\* Denotes Chair

Staff: Ted Potter, 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  
WILBERT W. BREWER  
ROD 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.

7. required Legislators who are attorneys to disclose the names of clients. Legislators who are attorneys with a firm would disclose principal areas of law accounting for 20% or more of the firm's gross income;
8. required Legislators to disclose liabilities of more than \$3,000 except home mortgages, credit cards, and retail credit.
9. proposed that the Legislature, by rule, adopt disciplinary guidelines and a Code of Ethics; and
10. Provided that the Attorney General and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices give a seminar on governmental ethics to Legislators after the general election in every even-numbered year.

A number of these provisions were incorporated in the Committee's ethics bill.

**LD 1645**      **Resolve, to Provide for the Evaluation of Fire Safety Standards in Buildings Occupied by State Workers**

**RESOLVE 40**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BUSTIN	OTP-AM	S-275
HICKEY		
DAGGETT		
PARADIS P		

SUMMARY

LD 1645 proposed a 9 member Commission on New Standards of Fire Safety for Buildings Occupied by State workers to develop proposals for new fire standards for buildings converted to office space and occupied by state employees.

The bill was completely rewritten to provide the Commissioner of Administration working with the Interdepartmental Committee on Safety in the Workplace and the Labor Management Committee on Building Safety to evaluate fire safety standards in buildings occupied by State workers. The report will be made to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

**LD 1650**      **An Act Mandating Standards for Ethics in Government**

**LV/WD**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
ANDREWS	LV/WD	
BERUBE		
JOSEPH		
PAUL		

SUMMARY

LD 1650 proposed very comprehensive and stringent conflict of interest and ethics laws for State Legislators, executive employees, municipal officials, and county officials. The bill proposed that no more than 4 of the 7 members of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices be members of the same political party. LD 1650:

- A. banned all honoraria;