

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

# Joint Standing Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans

## **LD 12      An Act to Refinance a Portion of the Teacher Retirement Payments for the Fiscal Year 1990-91**

**DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
FOSS	ONTP            MAJ	
WEBSTER	OTP-AM        MIN	

### **SUMMARY**

This bill enables the State to refinance its obligation to fund its payments of employer charges for teachers to the Maine State Retirement System. The refinancing contemplates the temporary suspension of those payments for the period December 1, 1990, to June 30, 1991. The payments under this refinancing would be made with interest pursuant to an amortization schedule that will have the identical final payment date as the current repayment schedule for previous unfunded liabilities.

The Minority Amendment (H-5) (not adopted) extends the refinancing of payments to the Maine State Retirement System to include state employees, other than those covered by the Highway Fund, and members of the legislative and judicial retirement systems. The amendment changes the period of refinanced payments to the period of January 1, 1991 to May 31, 1991, establishes a fund to use a portion of surplus revenues to accelerate refinancing of the payments and adds necessary deappropriations and a fiscal note.

## **LD 34      An Act to Amend the Retirement Laws**

**PUBLIC 23**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BALDACCI	OTP	

### **SUMMARY**

This bill amends the law to allow credit for service in the armed forces during any period of conflict to employees of participating local districts, regardless of when their service began. Current law allows credit for service in the armed forces to employees of local districts participating in the Maine State Retirement System, if the employees began membership prior to January 1, 1976, except that veterans in service during the Vietnam conflict receive credit only if they began service prior to January 1, 1988.

## **LD 49      An Act Concerning Retirement Benefits for Retired Veterans**

**LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
NORTON	LV/WD	

### **SUMMARY**

This bill allows members who retired from the armed forces to purchase credit for up to 4 years of military service regardless of the amount of their state service. The law currently requires at least 15 years of state service before credit for military service may be purchased.