

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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:

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

LD 150

An Act to Regulate Petitioners at the Polls on Election Day

ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SHELTRA	ONTP	MAJ	
GRAHAM	OTP	MIN	
GURNEY			
DIPIETRO			

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that persons seeking petition signatures on election day be located at least 100 feet from the polling place.

LD 179

An Act Regarding Voter Registration

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HOLLOWAY	ONTP		
KILKELLY			

SUMMARY

This bill would have required persons who want to register to vote to swear that they are eligible to vote and are aware that if they provide false information, register without revealing a prior registration or vote more than once in the same election they are committing a crime.

LD 180

An Act to Eliminate Voter Registration on Election Day

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BRAWN	ONTP		
STEVENSON			

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the provisions permitting election day registration.

LD 194

An Act to Require Landlords to Pay Interest Earned on Security Deposits to Tenants

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OLIVER	ONTP	MAJ	
ADAMS	OTP-AM	MIN	
CONLEY			
MARTIN J			

SUMMARY

This bill would have required a landlord to put a tenant's security deposit into an interest-bearing account at a bank or other financial institution and defined "security deposit" to include earned interest.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-120), part of the minority committee report, would have added a fiscal note to the bill. See also LD 867.