

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
115TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AUGUST 1991

Staff:

Karen L. Hruby, Legislative Analyst

*Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Room 101, State House Station 13
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-1670*

MEMBERS:

**Sen. Georgette B. Berube
Sen. Beverly Miner Bustin
Sen. Jerome A. Emerson*

**Rep. Ruth Joseph
Rep. Conrad Heeschen
Rep. Anne M. Larrivee
Rep. Glenith C. Gray
Rep. George J. Kerr
Rep. Merton C. Waterman
Rep. Marge Kilkelly
Rep. Theone F. Look
Rep. Lawrence F. Nash
Rep. Elmer N. Savage*

**Denotes Chair*

MARTHA E. FREEMAN, DIRECTOR
WILLIAM T. GLIDDEN, JR., PRINCIPAL ANALYST
ULIE S. JONES, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
DAVID C. ELLIOTT, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
RON CLARK
RYAN M. DYTTER
BRO FLATEBO
DEBORAH C. FRIEDMAN
MICHAEL D. HIGGINS
KANE ORBETON



KAREN L. HRUBY
JILL IPPOLITI
JOHN B. KNOX
PATRICK NORTON
MARGARET J. REINSCH
PAUL J. SAUCIER
HAVEN WHITESIDE
MILA M. DWELLEY, RES. ASST.
ROY W. LENARDSON, RES. ASST.
BRET A. PRESTON, RES. ASST.

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
ROOM 101/107/135
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL.: (207) 289-1670

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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 347**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Provide for 4-year Terms for Senators and Members
of the House of Representatives****DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAHANY	ONTP MAJ	
ANDERSON	OTP-AM MIN	
CONLEY		
LARRIVEE		

SUMMARY

This resolution proposed a referendum to amend the Constitutional by increasing the terms of office for Legislators from 2 year to 4 years, following the general election in 1994. The Legislature would have continued to meet every year, but the business in all even numbered regular sessions would have been subject to the same category restrictions that currently apply to the second regular session.

LD 355 An Act to Clarify the Powers and Duties of a Sheriff**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI	LV/WD	
DUFFY		
TARDY		
STROUT		

SUMMARY

This bill would have clarified that a sheriff is the chief county law enforcement officer.

**LD 363 An Act Allowing Local Governments to Accept Federal and
State Funds****DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PRAY	OTP-AM	S-63
GOULD R A		S-74 BERUBE

SUMMARY

This bill allowed municipalities to accept funds provided by the Legislature or the Federal Government by including a general article to that effect on the town meeting warrant. It applied to town meetings held after January 1, 1991.

Committee Amendment "A" eliminated the proposed new section of law and amended existing law to include the option of using a general article to accept all state and federal funds while retaining the two original article options. The amendment also required that municipalities using the general article option obtain the approval of municipal residents for the final allocation of any additional funds the municipality accepts. This amendment does not effect the retroactivity section or the emergency clause.

Senate Amendment "A" allowed the use of a general article for acceptance of federal funds only.