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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**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.

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine Requiring the Governor-elect to Receive More than 50%
of the Votes Duly Cast**

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

SUMMARY

This resolution would have called for a referendum to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that a candidate for Governor receive more than 50% of the votes cast to be elected. Currently, the candidate who receives the largest number of votes, regardless of that number's percentage of the total number of votes cast, becomes Governor. This resolution would have required a runoff election between the 2 persons who received the largest number of votes when no candidate received more than 50% of the total number of votes cast. The person who received the larger number of votes in the runoff election would have been declared Governor.

LD 462**An Act to Require Legislators to File Their Own Travel
Expenditures****LV/MD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WHITCOMB	LV/WD	
HANLEY		
LOOK		

SUMMARY

This bill would have eased the administrative burden of processing legislative travel and expense vouchers. This bill required that, in order to receive reimbursement for authorized expenses, each Legislator must submit separate travel and expense vouchers and receipts that reflected only that Legislator's expenses.

LD 487**An Act to Establish a Center for Nonprofit Development****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CLARK M	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have established the Center for Nonprofit Development within the Division of Community Services and specified the types of services it would have provided to state nonprofit organizations in their efforts to apply and qualify for nonstate resources.