

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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

<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.

Committee Amendment "A" replaced the bill to give primary emphasis to the option given to the municipal authorities to adopt a policy to permit disbursements of wages and benefits to employees when a warrant contains the signatures of one or more designated municipal officers. This amendment added the requirement that the municipal officers file this policy with the town clerk and the municipal treasurers and that the policy be renewed annually by vote of the municipal officers.

**LD 785**

**An Act to Clarify the Laws Relating to the Election or Appointment of Assessors**

**PUBLIC 270  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LARRIVEE  
WENTWORTH  
GOODRIDGE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-297

**SUMMARY**

This bill changed current law by allowing the selectmen to fill a vacancy on a Board of Assessors by appointment rather than having to call for an election.

Committee Amendment "A" added an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill, making it effective when approved. It also added language to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A and Title 36 that permitted a selectman who is an assessor because the municipality does not separately elect assessors and the selectman became an assessor by default, to resign that position without resigning the office of selectman. The vacancy in the assessor position is then filled by appointment.

**LD 797**

**An Act to Regulate Conflict of Interest within the Maine Science and Technology Commission**

**PUBLIC 219  
EMERGENCY**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HOLLOWAY  
HEINO  
BUSTIN  
BRANNIGAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill exempted members of the Maine Science and Technology Commission and advisory boards to the commission and to the Centers for Innovation are not bound by some laws concerning conflicts of interest when making recommendations or decisions on research and development contracts, agreements or grants with educational institutions, nonprofit institutions and organizations, business enterprises and other persons concerned with scientific and technological research and development in the State, including any state or federal agency.