

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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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:

<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.

**LD 891**

**An Act to Clarify the Obligation of District Attorneys to Pay for Physical Examinations of Certain Crime Victims**

**PUBLIC 101**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MELENDY  
GWADOSKY  
GOODRIDGE  
PARADIS J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that the district attorney's office is required to pay only those expenses of a crime victim's physical examination related to the collection of evidence, only when those costs are not covered by medical insurance or other 3rd-party obligations and only within the amount the counties have budgeted for those expenditures.

**LD 929**

**An Act to Revise Provisions for a New Birth Certificate after Adoption**

**PUBLIC 167**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
SUMMERS  
AIKMAN  
KETOVER

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Because the United States Immigration and Naturalization Services has discontinued use of the certificate of birth data for persons born in a foreign country, the bill deletes the requirement that that document be presented to the state registrar before a Maine birth certificate is established following the adoption of a person born in a foreign country. The bill also specifies that the parent's personal data at the time of the child's birth must be entered on the new certificate prepared after adoption.

**LD 933**

**An Act to Promote Equity in Court Filing Fees**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GAUVREAU  
CONLEY  
OTT  
LIPMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

The bill would specifically permit the Supreme Judicial Court to set filing fees based on the amount in controversy.