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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
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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" ((H-450) changes the method of reduction of benefits for beneficiaries of members dying before reaching 60 years of age from an actuarial reduction to the method currently provided in statute for members retiring early. The amendment also makes technical changes to effectively accommodate the delayed effective date of July 1, 1993 for the substantive provisions of the bill and adds a fiscal note.

**LD 1323      An Act to Establish the Maine Volunteer Firefighters Retirement System      CARRIED OVER**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL J CLARK N GILL BUSTIN		

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Maine Volunteer Firefighters Retirement System to provide pension and death benefits for member firefighters.

This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session.

**LD 1325      An Act to Extend the Period of Time to Allow Certain School Secretaries to Elect Not to Be Members of the Maine State Retirement System      PUBLIC 254 EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MCCORMICK	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the date for certain school secretaries of irrevocable election of the Maine State Retirement System from January 1, 1991 to July 1, 1991. This was necessary as The Social Security System will recognize school secretaries to be part of the Social Security System as of July 1, 1991. The original date of irrevocable election was January 1, 1991. School secretaries choosing retirement coverage through the Maine State Retirement System prior to January 1, 1991 are ineligible for the social security coverage unless the date is changed.

**LD 1391      An Act Concerning Access to Maine Veterans' Homes and the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery      DIED BETWEEN BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GRAHAM AULT BUTLAND THERIAULT	ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM      MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the language that requires veterans to serve in the Armed Forces during a period of conflict, to be eligible to be a resident in a veterans' home or to be buried at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Currently, a veteran must have served in the United States Armed Forces during a period of conflict to be eligible to be a resident in Maine Veterans' Homes and to be buried at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Committee Amendment "B" (minority report) (H-588) deletes from the bill provisions relating to access to the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. It also permits the Maine Veterans' Homes to admit veterans who did not serve during wartime, if space is available, provided that veterans who served during wartime are given priority.

The bill died in nonconcurrency.

**LD 1440      Resolve, to Provide a Retirement Benefit to Erma Painter      LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
AULT NORTON MCCORMICK	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would authorize a retirement benefit for Erma Painter who has less than 10 years creditable service.

**LD 1453      An Act Regarding Survivor Benefits in the Event of      ONTP**  
**Remarriage**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MATTHEWS	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that the benefit reduction for any spouse be taken from the retiree's full benefit and does not change the requirement that the reduction for each spouse be calculated on the same basis.

**LD 1457      An Act Relating to Retirement Service Credits for Former      INDEF PP**  
**Workers' Compensation Commissioners Who Became Judges before**  
**December 1, 1984**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONLEY	OTP-AM	S-208    MCCORMICK

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides that workers' compensation commissioners who were appointed judges between July 1, 1983 and December 1, 1984 are entitled, without further contribution, to credit in the Maine Judicial Retirement System for their creditable service as members of the Maine State Retirement System prior to July 1, 1983 and for service as commissioners from July 1, 1983 to November 30, 1984.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-208) adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-170) (not adopted) was printed in error and should have been printed as an amendment to a different bill.