

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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

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 1487

An Act to Establish the Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund for Law School Graduates Pursuing Public Interest Employment

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BALDACCI	ONTP	
GAUVREAU		
PARADIS P		
STEVENS P		

SUMMARY

This bill would have established the nonlapsing Law Student Loan Repayment Assistance Fund of \$80,000 for the first biennium, to provide grants to University of Maine School of Law graduates employed in law-related public interest work to assist in repayment of student loans for law school education.

LD 1496 An Act to Require the Popular Election of the State Auditor

ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BENNETT	ONTP MAJ	
LOOK	OTP-AM MIN	
HANLEY		

SUMMARY

This bill would have provided for the popular election of the State Auditor on a biennial basis.

LD 1505 An Act to Update Certain Laws Regarding Corporations, Lobbyists and Notaries

PUBLIC 465

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOSEPH	OTP-AM	H-491
GRAY		
LOOK		

SUMMARY

The bill changed the period for lobbyists to register with the Secretary of State from 7 to 15 days after commencement of activities constituting lobbying and authorized Secretary of State to suspend a lobbyist's registration if the lobbyist failed to file a report or pay a fee.

The bill also required notaries to have a seal and to keep records of all notarial acts; grandfathered existing notaries from having a seal or keeping records, and; required that a seal must be destroyed or returned to the Secretary of State when a commission ends.

The bill eliminated the requirement that the Secretary of State must notify the register of probate and clerk of the Judicial Court of newly appointed notaries; authorized the Secretary of State to publish and distribute publications to inform notaries of their duties, and; allowed the Secretary of State to charge a fee for the publications.

The bill amended the laws dealing with trademarks so that it also included the word "marks" to reflect more accurately the purpose of the law; allowed a registrant to amend a registration to change a mark or trademark, and; permitted the Secretary of State to promulgate rules and set fees to improve and expedite the filing process for mark registrations.