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AND
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BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Provide for the Direct Popular Election of
Constitutional Officers**

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

SUMMARY

This resolution would have provided for direct popular election of the State's constitutional officers in the manner currently provided for Senators and Representatives.

LD 1529 An Act to Provide Interest on Community Agency Accounts**DIED BETWEEN
BODIES**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GAUVREAU	ONTP	MAJ	
MANNING	OTP-AM	MIN	
CONLEY			

SUMMARY

This bill would have standardized late fees paid by a state agency at 15% per annum on all accounts due community agencies when those accounts are 90 days or more in arrears, to further promote the purposes of the law as set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1551.

**LD 1531 An Act to Allow the Creation of County Budget Committees by
Referendum Vote****ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BERUBE	ONTP		
EMERSON			
LARRIVEE			

SUMMARY

This bill would have replaced the previous statutory method of approving county budgets by transferring authority from the legislative delegation and the Legislature to a committee comprised of county citizens and municipal officials. This bill provided for a county budget process in which each county would set its own budget through a budget committee composed of municipal officers and members of the general public. The bill would have gone into effect only in those counties that approved it in a county-wide referendum held in conjunction with a regular election. The 13 counties in the State that do not have a budget committee with budget-setting authority would have held a referendum on November 6, 1992 to see whether the voters approve the creation of such a committee. Any existing budget committees within the 13 counties eligible for referendum were repealed.