

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1992**

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 far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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, 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 1849**

**An Act Relating to Staff of the Maine State Retirement System**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
JALBERT  
MAYO

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have provided the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System with more autonomy under the laws governing the Maine State Retirement System in matters relating to personnel employed by the system. The proposed changes would not have affected the benefits or the standing of the employees under the civil service laws and rules or collective bargaining contracts.

**LD 1879**

**An Act to Reform the State Budget Process and Management of State Finances and Fiscal Policy**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CARROLL D  
BOST

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have changed the state budget process, fiscal policy and fiscal accountability by:

1. Increasing the Maine Rainy Day Fund ceiling from \$25,000,000 to 5% of the General Fund;
2. Requiring an annual summary on state fiscal affairs and the budget;
3. Requiring full disclosure of state revenue and spending assumptions and methodology;
4. Requiring a 5-year projection of fiscal impacts of the state budget;
5. Requiring expanded information on the actual and projected cost of major programs;
6. Establishing the Maine Council of Economic Advisors; and
7. Establishing the Special Commission to Study the Organization of State Government Including Operational Cost Controls and Delivery of Services to conduct a cost-management efficiency study of State Government including a study of governmental organization and the delivery of programs and services.