

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**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

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If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 1887

Resolve, to Override a Departmental Rule Imposing Certain ASHRAE Standards on Local School Districts

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

FOSS
REED G
MACBRIDE
FOSTER

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve would have overruled a departmental rule that imposed ASHRAE air quality and ventilation standards on new public school construction.

LD 1963

An Act to Implement Constitutional Provisions Restricting the Imposition of Unfunded State Mandates

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

CLARK N
CLEVELAND
GWADOSKY

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill, which was carried over from the first regular session, would have provided enabling legislation to implement the provisions of the constitutional amendment proposed by L.D. 66 as amended.

The bill would have defined some of the terms used in the proposed constitutional amendment; required that if the Legislature reduced any state aid programs it must also suspend or modify existing mandates to allow similar cost savings at the local level; required the State to fund mandates through state funding sources, rather than the authorization of local fees or taxes; and required that if local units of government sold property purchased with funds provided from the State to meet a mandate, the proceeds from the sale must be returned to the State.

The original proposed constitutional amendment prohibited the Legislature from amending the statutory provisions of this bill except by a 2/3 vote of all members elected to each House. The provisions of this bill would have taken effect only if the voters had approved the proposed constitutional amendment.

Constitutional questions arose regarding this bill and whether the implementing legislation could be passed as the same time as the Constitutional Referendum. Also, LD 66 was passed in an amended form that would not have been consistent with LD 1963.

LD 1964

Resolve, to Establish the Commission on Recall

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)

LEMKE
CONLEY
PARADIS J
GAUVREAU

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-868 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

This resolve, which was carried over from the first regular session, was originally a companion bill to L.D. 1758, which proposed a referendum to the Constitution of Maine that would permit state and county