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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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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LD 2001 **Resolve, Authorizing Zelma Rudge to Sue the State** **ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PEARSON	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve would have authorized Zelma Rudge, as personal representative of the estate of her son Victor Lizzotte, to bring a civil action against the State for damages resulting from the alleged negligence of the Department of Human Services concerning the death of Victor Lizzotte.

LD 2010 **An Act to Study the Establishment of a Statewide Voter Registration File** **P & S 94**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS	ONTP MAJ	S-596 MIN REP
LAWRENCE	OTP-AM MIN	
STEVENS A		
PLOURDE		

SUMMARY

The bill requires the Secretary of State to develop and implement a statewide computerized voter registration system.

The amendment replaces the bill with a provision requiring the Secretary of State to conduct a study on establishing a central voter registry. The Secretary of State will report the findings and recommendations derived from the study to the Legislature by April 1, 1993.

LD 2019 **An Act to Amend the Election Laws** **PUBLIC 862**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MILLS	OTP-AM	H-1187 LAWRENCE S-617 S-770 BRANNIGAN

SUMMARY

LD 2019 proposes several changes in the election laws, including changes that would:

1. Clarify that the municipal officers, not the nominating entities, have authority to appoint or remove members of the board of registration;
2. Require that 10 or more voters file a declaration of intent to form a new party instead of a single voter and require the new party to obtain signatures equal to 5% of the votes cast in the last gubernatorial election before the party may enroll members;
3. Limit the price registrars may charge for reproducing a voter list to the cost of reproduction;