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

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MCCORMICK	ONTP	MAJ	H-1292 WENTWORTH
JALBERT	OTP-AM	MIN	
CLARK N			
WENTWORTH			

SUMMARY

The original bill restores the method in effect prior to July 1, 1991 of calculating annual service credit to certain part-time, seasonal, intermittent or legislative employees.

The Committee Amendment replaces the original bill.

Section 1 permits the Maine State Retirement System to collect from the employer any additional actuarial and administrative costs that result from an employer's improper application of retirement statutes and rules, provision of misinformation or omission of information.

Section 2 requires the retirement system to permit part-time and seasonal state employees who were employed between January 1, 1989 and June 30, 1991 to accumulate one year of creditable service for each year in which the employee is employed for 1,000 or more hours. The same provisions apply to an employee whose position is in a career ladder that requires the employee to move from full-time to seasonal status when accepting a promotion.

Section 3 permits state employees or teachers who are laid off to purchase, at no cost to the State, service credit needed to be eligible to retire.

Section 4 ensures that the position of advocate at the Maine State Prison continues to be under the special retirement plan that covers employees of the Maine State Prison.

Section 5 makes the retirement incentive enacted in 1991 available for employees who retire before July 1, 1993.

Section 6 permits certain employees promoted to level II or level III educational technician positions to elect to continue coverage under the retirement system or plan under which those employees were covered before promotion.

The House Amendment includes only sections 2 and 6 from the Committee Amendment. LD 2462 enacted sections 1 and 4 from the Committee amendment.

**LD 2191 An Act to Authorize the Construction of Two Veterans' Homes
in Eastern and Western Maine**
**PUBLIC 702
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MARTIN J	OTP-AM	H-973
VOSE		
ERWIN		
BALDACCI		

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the construction of 2 veterans' homes, not to exceed 120 beds. One of the homes would be located in eastern Maine and one in western Maine. The Committee Amendment locates the authorization in Title 37-B and increases the borrowing authority of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes.