

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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

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 2382 An Act to Create a Somerset County Budget Committee**

LV/WD

**SPONSOR(S)**ROTONDI  
TARDY  
GWADOSKY  
WEBSTER**COMMITTEE REPORT**

LV/WD

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would have created the Somerset County Budget Committee.

**LD 2384 An Act to Restructure State Government**

UNSIGNED

**SPONSOR(S)**PRAY  
KERR  
MORRISON  
BOST**COMMITTEE REPORT**

OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**S-680  
S-704 DUTREMBLE D  
S-723 ESTES  
S-781 BRANNIGAN**SUMMARY**

This bill would have enacted a comprehensive restructuring of the agencies and departments that comprise State Government. Certain key changes in law were made in this bill including repeal of certain departments and the enactment of new departments incorporating the reorganized programs. The bill created a commission to oversee the development and implementation of necessary legislation for full realization of the reorganization.

Parts A and B established the Legislature's intent regarding the structure and mission of the Executive Department. The Executive Department was restructured to include the Office of the Governor, the State Planning Office, the Office of Government Operations, the Adjutant General and the Board of Education. The Department of Education was abolished and its peripheral functions transferred to other agencies. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services was converted into the Office of Government Operations. Its responsibilities regarding personnel were repealed and decentralized to enable greater flexibility and initiative among the agencies comprising State Government.

Part C established the Human Rights Court and consolidated civil and human rights responsibilities within the Department of the Attorney General. Advocacy functions and consumer protection responsibilities were also consolidated under the Attorney General.

Part D combined the Department of Corrections with the existing Department of Public Safety. This Part also repealed the Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement and reestablished the State Police as the lead drug enforcement arm of the State.

Parts E and F reorganized the programs of State Government related to natural resources. Part E established the Bureau of Lands within the existing Department of Conservation, which was renamed the Department of Conservation and Resource Use. Certain responsibilities of the Department of Environmental Protection were transferred to the new bureau, and it was also made responsible for the initial siting of a publicly owned solid waste disposal facility. The Maine Waste Management Agency was abolished. The department itself was reorganized to assume the responsibilities of the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Part F abolished the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and redistributed its