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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES**

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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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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 right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

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.

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

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Joint Standing Committee on State & Local Government

LD 9 **An Act Prohibiting Political Activity by Members of the Workers' Compensation Board**

VETO SUSTAINED

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	
PEARSON	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-130	JOSEPH
	ONTP	MIN	S-37	

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a member of the Workers' Compensation Board from participating in partisan political activities during that member's term and for one year following the expiration of that term.

The committee amendment (S-37) replaces the original bill and establishes restrictions on political activities for board members. The amendment also exempts current board members from the restriction, and applies only to those board members appointed after the effective date of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 151, subsection 1-A.

The House amendment (H-130) makes a technical correction by replacing the ambiguous term "local."

LD 57 **An Act Providing for the Election of Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	
LUTHER	ONTP	MAJ		
	OTP-AM	MIN		

SUMMARY

Presently, the 3 commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission are appointed by the Governor subject to legislative approval. Under this bill those commissioners are elected. The chair of the commission is elected statewide. The other 2 commissioners are elected from the first and 2nd congressional districts. The first election is to be held in November 1994. The terms of elected commissioners are for 6 years, staggered 2 years apart. The terms of the initial commissioners are for 2, 4 and 6 years. Terms of the commissioners begin on December 1st after election and end on November 30th of the last year of their terms.

This bill requires that candidates for chair of the commission file, under Maine's election laws, a petition for nomination signed by at least 2,000 and not more than 3,000 voters. A candidate for commissioner other than for chair must submit a petition signed by at least 1,000 and not more than 1,500 voters. In order to promote nonpartisanship in the nomination of candidates for these offices, candidates may not be nominated by party primary elections.

LD 71 **An Act to Establish the Boundary Between Enfield and Passadumkeag**

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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT		AMENDMENTS ADOPTED	
PEARSON	OTP			