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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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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LD 427

An Act to Allow Young People to Accompany Their Parents When Voting

PUBLIC 33

SPONSOR(S)
AMERO
AULT

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill increases from 6 to 12 years the age allowable for children to accompany their parents into the voting booth.

LD 432

An Act to Extend the Application of Campaign Reports and Finance Laws

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
HANDY
ADAMS

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have expanded the application of the laws concerning campaign reports and finances to include municipal elections and initiative, referendum and charter questions.

LD 478

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Method of Recounting Ballots in Elections

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
BERUBE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required recounts to be done locally rather than in Augusta. The bill also would have required a law enforcement officer to accompany ballots that are transported and a representative of each candidate to be present during the recount of ballots.

LD 488

An Act Concerning the Operation of Agency Liquor Stores

PUBLIC 380
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)
SUMMERS

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-552 DAGGETT
S-243

SUMMARY

Sections 1 to 4 of this bill correct a conflict that exists between the law as enacted in 1987 and recently enacted legislation allowing for the replacement of state liquor stores with private agency liquor stores. By repealing pertinent subsections, the bill reduces confusion over acceptable locations for agency liquor stores licensed under the Legislature's plan to close certain liquor stores and replace them with agency liquor stores. The purposes of the proposed changes are to afford a smooth transition for existing agency liquor store licensees and to provide a reasonable application procedure for future license applicants.