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

MAY 1994

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, 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:

PUBLIC XXX

P&S XXX

RESOLVE XXX

CON RES XXX

EMERGENCY

ONTP

INDEF PP

FAILED ENACTMENT

FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT

FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT

DIED BETWEEN BODIES

CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE

VETO SUSTAINED

UNSIGNED

DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

Chapter # of enacted Public Law

Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law

Chapter # of enacted Resolve

Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses

Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days

Ought Not to Pass report accepted

Bill Indefinitely Postponed

Bill failed to get majority vote

Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote

Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote

House & Senate disagree; bill died

Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died

Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Not signed by Governor within 10 days

Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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Joint Standing Committee on State & Local Government

LD 691 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Increase the Availability of Legislative
Participation** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY	ONTP OTP-AM	

SUMMARY

This constitutional resolution limits the terms a Senator or a member of the House of Representatives may serve in either the Senate or the House of Representatives to 5 consecutive terms. A Senator or a member of the House of Representatives who reaches the limit may serve additional terms in the opposite house.

LD 698 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine to Require That Certain Officers Be Appointed by the
Governor** ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
BUTLAND	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This constitutional resolution provides for the appointment by the Governor of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General.

LD 807 **An Act Regarding Records of Notaries Public** PUBLIC 485

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FAIRCLOTH	OTP-AM	H-720

SUMMARY

Current statutory language requires that the records of a resigning notary public be deposited with the clerk of the judicial courts in the county for which the notary public was appointed. This language raises questions as to whether the intent is for these records to be deposited in the District Court or in the Superior Court, and also as to whether the records properly belong with the courts at all.

This legislation tracks the language of the archives law, in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 95, subsection 10, concerning the public records of any public office and requires that public records be transferred to the custody of the State Archivist upon the termination of the existence or function of the public office.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-720) removes the record-keeping requirement and instead directs the Secretary of State to recommend that records be kept. The amendment also removes the forfeit requirement for failure to deposit records. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.