

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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 944      An Act to Amend the Composition of the Port Authority for  
the Town of Kittery**

P & S 26

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LAWRENCE  
LEMONT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-100

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the charter of the Port Authority of the Town of Kittery by allowing the chair of the Kittery Town Planning Board to designate a member.

The committee amendment (S-100) clarifies the bill by correcting an obsolete reference to selectmen and provides that the planning board representative to the authority serves for a term of 5 years or until the representative's planning board term expires.

**LD 952      An Act to Increase the Number of Cumberland County  
Commissioners**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MITCHELL J

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill changes the number of county commissioners in Cumberland County from 3 to 9. County voters will elect the commissioners according to reapportioned districts in the fall of 1994 and the newly elected commissioners will take office on January 1, 1995. The bill also sets the salary for the first fiscal year at \$2,000 for each commissioner.

**LD 974      An Act to Amend the Laws Governing  
Legislative Ethics**

PUBLIC 396

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HALL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP      MAJ  
OTP-AM      MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-271

**SUMMARY**

This bill excludes meals from improper gifts and pecuniary benefits to public servants. It also excludes gifts with an aggregate value of \$25 or less from improper gifts and pecuniary benefits to public servants.

The committee amendment (S-271) replaces the original bill and specifies that a pecuniary benefit does not include meals if the meals are provided by industry or special interest organizations as part of an informational program presented to a group of public servants.

**LD 976      An Act to Deorganize the Town of Greenfield**

PUBLIC 79  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
O'DEA  
COFFMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-76

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this bill is to deorganize the Town of Greenfield.

The amendment (S-76) clarifies the bill in several ways. The amendment adds a mandate preamble to the bill authorizing passage of the bill without state funding for mandated deorganization election costs if enacted by a 2/3-vote of the membership of both bodies. The amendment corrects the reference to the school unit from which Greenfield is withdrawing and inserts language withdrawing the town from Secondary Applied Technology Region 4. The amendment directs the State Tax Assessor to assess real and personal property by April 1, 1993, adds an appropriation and a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 980      An Act to Correct the Boundary Description of the Town of Long Island      P & S 16**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
RAND	OTP	

**SUMMARY**

The description of the boundary of the Town of Long Island in the legislation enacted last year is incomplete. This bill corrects the description.

**LD 982      An Act to Increase Reimbursement to the State Police for Services Provided to Federal Agencies      PUBLIC 123**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
FOSS	OTP	H-204

**SUMMARY**

This bill affords the State Police a mechanism to recoup the costs for activities that the State Police provides to several federal agencies. The assistance includes canine support, underwater recovery and security for activities other than presidential details.

The committee amendment (H-204) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 985      Resolve, Approving the 1993 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and Providing for its Publication and Distribution      RESOLVE 6 EMERGENCY**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GWADOSKY	OTP-AM	H-166

**SUMMARY**

This resolve approves the 1993 draft and arrangement of the Constitution of Maine made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and provides for its publication and distribution.

The committee amendment (H-166) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.