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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:

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| <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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SPONSOR(S)
MICHAEL**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-429**SUMMARY**

Under current law, a voter may not vote at a caucus, convention or primary election for 3 months after filing an application to change party enrollment. This bill changes the period of ineligibility to 3 weeks, allowing voters to change their party enrollment 3 weeks before the primary, caucus or convention. This bill does not change existing law prohibiting a person from filing a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election within 3 months after filing an application to change enrollment in a party.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-429) changes the time period for ineligibility to vote in a caucus or primary after changing party designation from 3 weeks to 15 days.

LD 1103 An Act to Amend the Landfill Laws

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
GREENLAW**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

The bill would have prevented damage to landfill cover mounds by vehicular and pedestrian traffic, which could result in danger to the public health and welfare as well as require expensive repair work. This bill would have prohibited trespass on landfill cover mounds by any unauthorized persons.

LD 1104 An Act to Ensure the Voting Rights of Homeless People

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
GEAN**COMMITTEE REPORT**
ONTP**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

The bill would have ensured the voting rights of homeless individuals in this State by assisting the homeless in registering to vote and by providing a right of judicial review for refused registrations.

LD 1114 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Training and Certification of Law Enforcement Officers

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
KONTOS**COMMITTEE REPORT****AMENDMENTS ADOPTED****SUMMARY**

This bill would make the following changes to the laws governing the training and certification of law enforcement officers.

1. The bill would specify that the balance remaining in the Government Operations Surcharge Fund must be transferred monthly to a dedicated account within the budget of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for local, county and state law enforcement officer training.
2. The bill would increase from 15 to 17 the number of members of the board of trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.