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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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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JOSEPH**COMMITTEE REPORT**
OTP-AM**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
H-528
H-593 JOSEPH
H-668 JOSEPH
S-317 BUTLAND**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies and adds definitions to the lobbying laws. The bill allows the Secretary of State to charge a fee for lobbyist associates and grants the Secretary of State the authority to adopt rules to administer this chapter. The bill changes the registration expiration date from December 31st to November 30th. The bill clarifies language regarding the registration of lobbyist associates and language regarding fees and personnel. The bill adds the requirement that lobbyists report on events they sponsor if expenditures for the event exceed \$250. The bill adds the requirement that reports must be filed during months that the Legislature is not in session and increases the penalty for failure to file a lobbyist registration or report. The bill adds a provision allowing individuals to file complaints alleging violations of this chapter. The bill also amends the requirements for an agency rule-making statement to include a list of the names of the persons whose comments were received.

The Committee amendment (H-528) makes several technical changes and also does the following:

1. Expands the definition of person to include the University of Maine, the Maine Maritime Academy and compensated members or employees of boards and commissions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 379;
2. Removes the exception for events held in the State House or adjoining state office buildings;
3. Clarifies mitigating circumstance for the waiver of fines;
4. Undedicates the fees collected by the Secretary of State for administration of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 15 and returns them to the General Fund;
5. Removes rule-making authority; and
6. Adds the necessary fiscal note.

The House amendment (H-593) clarifies that the bill applies to the Maine Technical College System.

The House amendment (H-668) clarifies the definition of campaign contribution and also specifies certain reporting requirements.

The Senate amendment (S-317) clarifies the exemption of a Lobbyist Associate.

The Senate amendment (S-384) adds a new part to the bill transferring the lobbyist registration functions and associated personnel to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and raises lobbying registration and late reporting fees to cover the cost of that function.

The amendment also adds a new fiscal note to the committee amendment.