

# MAINE STATE 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 1412**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Arts Commission**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HANLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the Maine Arts Commission to engage in rulemaking; required the State Auditor to conduct an audit of the activities and operations of the Maine Arts Commission for fiscal years beginning in 1990 to the effective date of this Act; and deappropriated an amount of money from the commission's sponsored programs account to be used by the Maine State Library for acquisition of books and periodicals.

**LD 1434 An Act to Support Literacy**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LARRIVEE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the laws governing the construction of schools and the Percent for Art Program to provide that 3/4 of 1% of the cost of a project is to be expended for the purchase of art and that 1/4 of 1% of the cost of a project is to be expended for the purchase of books and equipment for a school library.

**LD 1435 An Act to Guarantee Equal Access and Nondiscrimination to All Students Enrolled in Approved Equivalent Instruction Programs**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
COFFMAN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows students in a home-schooling program approved by the Commissioner of Education to have equal access to school activities.

**LD 1438 An Act to Reapportion Maine School Administrative District Number 30**

P & S 37  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HICHBORN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-340

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides for the reapportionment of the board of directors of Maine School Administrative District Number 30 in accordance with the Method B, or weighted voting, reapportionment plan adopted by a local reapportionment committee established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1255 and approved by the Commissioner of Education. The plan provided for 2 additional directors from the Town of Lee.

Committee Amendment "A" adds a preamble to the bill requiring approval by a 2/3 vote of the membership of each House so that the State is not required to fund 90% of the costs imposed on local governments by the bill as provided in the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.