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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
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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&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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SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that the Hancock County commissioners must act on recommendations by December 15th of the budget year and provides that no more than one committee member from each municipality may serve at a time. The bill also removes from the law obsolete language concerning appointment dates.

The committee amendment (S-146) adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

LD 1421 An Act to Separate Cushings Island in Casco Bay from the City of Portland and to Create the Cushings Island Village Corporation as Part of the Town of Long Island CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CONLEY

SUMMARY

Subject to referenda, this bill authorizes the separation of Cushings Island from the City of Portland and allows the creation of the Cushings Island Village Corporation in the Town of Long Island.

LD 1425 An Act to Separate Little Diamond Island in Casco Bay from the City of Portland and to Create the Little Diamond Island Village Corporation as Part of the Town of Long Island CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
CONLEY

SUMMARY

Subject to referenda, this bill authorizes the separation of Little Diamond Island from the City of Portland and allows the creation of the Little Diamond Island Village Corporation in the Town of Long Island.

LD 1427 An Act to Create the Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Policy Concerning Political Activity by Members of Various Boards and Commissions ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
JOSEPH ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill creates the Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Policy Concerning Political Activity by Members of Various Boards and Commissions.

LD 1429 Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study the Size of the Legislature CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
JOSEPH

SUMMARY

This resolve creates a Commission to Study the Size of the Legislature. The commission shall submit its report and any implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

LD 1441 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Knox County Budget Committee

**PUBLIC 345
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)
MELENDY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-492

SUMMARY

This bill makes changes to the laws governing the Knox County Budget Committee, including:

1. It requires that the proposed budget include all revenue sources used by the county commissioners in arriving at their budget estimates. It also specifies that reserve accounts and funds retained by the county may be used by the budget committee to reduce the tax levy.
2. It requires that the budget committee record in its minutes an explanation for any change in the use of county funds.
3. It requires that the Secretary of State transmit the redistricting plan to the Legislature for review and enactment.

The committee amendment (H-492) maintains the requirement that the Knox County commissioners include in their estimated budget all revenues used in arriving at their estimates, including balances in reserve accounts and similar accounts.

1. The amendment requires that funds in reserve accounts and similar accounts must first be used for the purposes for which the funds were created. Once those purposes have been accomplished or abandoned, the county budget committee may use the funds to reduce the tax levy. The bill allowed the county budget committee to use all funds in reserve accounts and similar accounts to reduce the tax levy.
2. The amendment adds a provision requiring the county commissioners to prepare a redistricting plan for the county budget committee. The redistricting plan must be submitted to the Secretary of State, who must transmit the plan to the Legislature for review and enactment.
3. The amendment also makes technical changes to the bill and adds the state mandate preamble, an emergency preamble and emergency clause and a fiscal note.

LD 1442 An Act to Distribute the Power and Privilege of Serving in Elected Office

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
MICHAEL
HALL

COMMITTEE REPORT
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AMENDMENTS ADOPTED