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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**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&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 1542**

**An Act to Encourage Implementation of Total Quality Management Procedures in the Executive Branch of State Government**

PUBLIC 476  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
GWADOSKY	OTP-AM	MAJ	H-581
BUTLAND	ONTP	MIN	H-637 JOSEPH

**SUMMARY**

This bill encourages implementation of total quality management, or TQM, in State Government. The 115th Legislature mandated a TQM approach for both management and labor in State Government and this bill recognizes the need for closer collaboration between the executive branch and state employee unions.

The bill creates and empowers the Maine Quality Management Council, made up of the Governor, representatives of executive branch departments and agencies, state employee representatives and others. The council is established to guide TQM efforts in State Government and develop shared vision, values and tenets for the TQM process in government.

This bill makes clear the intent of the Legislature that total quality management is designed primarily to make State Government more efficient and cost-effective and not to achieve direct reductions in the size in the work force. The bill directs the council to develop procedures to locate displaced employees elsewhere in State Government and to provide retraining options if necessary.

The committee amendment (H-581) provides clarification of the use of available balances in General Fund and Highway Fund accounts, adds a reporting mechanism and sunsets the use of balances for TQM initiatives on July 1, 1995. The amendment also references Resolve 1991, chapter 73, which established the initial total quality management program for State Government adds a fiscal note to the bill.

The House amendment (H-637) provides that 2 legislative members of the Maine Quality Management Council must be appointed by the presiding officers of the Legislature.

**LD 1544**

**Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Somerset County for the Year 1993**

RESOLVE 35  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this resolve is for laying of the county taxes and authorizing expenditures of Somerset County for the year 1993, and to require that expenditures of the proceeds from drug seizures be subject to the same procedures as other county expenditures.

**LD 1557**

**Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of York County for the Year 1993**

RESOLVE 37  
EMERGENCY

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this resolve is for laying of the county taxes and authorizing expenditures of York County for the year 1993.