

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

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, 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:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If you have any suggestions or comments on the summaries, please let us know.

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more time for the State to ensure that the appropriate taxes have been paid. This bill would not affect microbreweries or farm wineries that produce 50,000 gallons or less.

**LD 1605**      **Resolve, Authorizing Glenn Greenhalgh to Sue the State  
BY REQUEST**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
TOWNSEND G

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This resolve would have authorized Glenn Greenhalgh to sue the State for damages resulting from the State's failure to properly investigate the charges of alleged child abuse against Mr. Greenhalgh.

**LD 1609**      **An Act to Clarify Maine Election Laws**

PUBLIC 695

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DAGGETT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-947  
S-557    CAREY  
S-612    PEARSON

**SUMMARY**

This bill does the following.

1. Corrects a provision relating to ballot access in a presidential preference primary;
2. Clarifies the provisions relating to enlarged ballots for visually impaired voters;
3. Allows clerks to use the same procedure for inspecting candidate ballots as for inspecting referendum ballots;
4. Clarifies the procedure for recording test ballots;
5. Simplifies the Secretary of State's responsibility regarding tabulated results for write-in candidates;
6. Clarifies who may complete an application for voter registration on behalf of a member of the Armed Forces;
7. Clarifies the application process for a people's veto referendum and the direct initiative of legislation and establishes an official date of issuance, which begins a period of circulation during which a voter may collect signatures for the petition; and
8. Simplifies the procedure for processing absentee ballot applications and the procedure for determination of residency for voter registration purposes.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-947) replaces the original bill and makes the following changes to the election laws:

1. Clarifies the process for determining residence for the purpose of voter registration;
2. Adds a new subchapter, National Voter Registration Act, which outlines the requirements for providing voter registration opportunities in state agencies pursuant to federal law;