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BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**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.

5581LHS

Persons already employed as State Police officers on July 1, 1995 must decide within 90 days of that date. The decision is irrevocable. The Maine State Troopers Association is required to pay for the actuarial services needed by the Maine State Retirement System to develop a method for calculating the actuarial cost and interest to be applied when a State Police officer makes the election. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1844 **An Act to Amend the Maine State Retirement System Laws
Relating to Provision of Legal Services** ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| TUFTS | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

This bill would have changed the law that requires the Attorney General to serve as legal advisor to the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System and requires the Attorney General's approval for the system to use private counsel. This bill would have allowed the board of trustees and the executive director to provide for its own legal services as it determines necessary, either by using the Attorney General's office, appointing a general counsel, employ private legal counsel or staff attorneys or using a combination of those resources.

LD 1896 **An Act to Correct the Implementation of Recent Changes to
the Retirement Laws** PUBLIC 580
EMERGENCY

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ESTY | OTP-AM | S-474 |

SUMMARY

This bill is intended to clarify the application of recent retirement system amendments. Those amendments expressly stated that certain new provisions would not apply to any collective bargaining agreement that was executed prior to July 1, 1993. This bill retroactively changes this cutoff date from July 1, 1993 to August 1, 1993.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-474) accomplishes the same purpose as the original bill but limits the exemption to a collective bargaining agreement executed by July 1, 1993 or ratified in its final form by one party to the agreement prior to July 1, 1993. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1907 **An Act to Authorize an Increase in the Holdings of the
Farmington Home for Aged People** P & S 76
EMERGENCY

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BAILEY R | OTP | |

SUMMARY

This emergency bill increases the amount of holdings that the Farmington Home for Aged People is allowed under its charter from \$100,000 to \$4,000,000.