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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

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that the driving privileges of a minor convicted of possessing a firearm on public school property be suspended for one year or until the minor's 18th birthday, whichever occurred first.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-880), (the minority report of the Committee) would have replaced the original bill. The amendment would have created a sentencing option for the courts in cases where a person was found guilty of possessing a firearm on public school property. The court would have been able to suspend a violator's driver's license, permit, privilege to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license for a period not to exceed one year. The penalty would have been applied to violators who were adults or minors. The license suspension would not have been effective until after any period of confinement, if applicable, were served. This amendment also would have added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1865 An Act to Reform Financing of Referendum Questions ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MORRISON	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have extended the limit on individual contributions in support of the candidacy of one person to individual contributions in support of or in opposition to a referendum question.

LD 1931 An Act to Promote Integrity in the Citizens Petition Process PUBLIC 599

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
KILKELLY	OTP-AM MAJ	H-881
HANDY	OTP-AM MIN	S-542 HANDY
ADAMS		

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits paying circulators of initiative and referendum petitions based on the number of signatures collected.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-881) is the majority report of the committee and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" (S-542) to the bill renames the original prohibition in the bill to "Payment per signature; prohibition."

The amendment also prohibits a person who collects signatures for an initiative or referendum petition from compensating or offering to compensate a person for the person's signature.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-882), the minority report of the committee, would have replaced the original bill.

The amendment would have prohibited a person who collects signatures for an initiative or referendum petition from compensating or offering to compensate a person for the person's signature.

The amendment also would have established registration and reporting requirements for initiative or referendum petition drives. The amendment would have required a treasurer to be named no later than 10 days after an organization for a petition drive was formed and before the organization accepted