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BILL SUMMARIES
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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

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committee in 1993 and was sent directly to the floor without reference to committee.

LD 1906 Resolve, Authorizing the State to Release its Interest in RESOLVE 68
Certain Real Property in Belfast

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WHITCOMB	OTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands to convey the State's interest in 2 parcels of land in Belfast, Maine to the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

LD 1911 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of ONTP
Maine to Provide for the Recall of Persons Holding Elective
Civil Offices

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LEMKE	ONTP MAJ	
HANDY	OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This constitutional resolution provides for citizen recall of elected officials for misfeasance, malfeasance or violation of oath while in office on the petition of qualified voters equal to 35% of the total number of votes cast for that office in the preceding election. If enough valid signatures are received, an election must be held to vote on the recall. The ballot contains a statement of the reason for the recall and a statement of justification by the officer.

LD 1912 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of INDEF PP
Maine to Require That the Attorney General Be Appointed by
the Governor

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
OTT		

SUMMARY

This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to provide for the appointment by the Governor of the Attorney General. The resolution was sent directly to the floor without reference to committee.

LD 1915 An Act to Establish the Somerset County Budget Committee PUBLIC 582

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
ROTONDI	OTP-AM	H-852

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Somerset County Advisory Budget Committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-852) replaces the bill and establishes the Somerset County Budget Committee consisting of 2 municipal officers and 1 municipal official from each county commissioner district as voting members and 3 nonvoting members of the county legislative delegation. Voting members serve 3-year

staggered terms. Following submission of budget estimates by the county commissioners and a public hearing held by the budget committee, the committee adopts the county budget. That budget may be changed only by a unanimous vote of the county commissioners, which change may, in turn, be overridden by a 2/3 vote of the budget committee. The budget as finally approved at the county level is the basis on which the county commissioners apportion the county taxes.

LD 1921 An Act to Redistrict the Knox County Budget Committee District PUBLIC 565
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP	

SUMMARY

Public Law 1993, chapter 345 required the county commissioners of Knox County to prepare a redistricting plan for county budget committee seats. This bill enacts the changes contained in the county commissioners' plan.

LD 1926 An Act to Preserve Maine's Part-time Citizen Legislature by Making the Legislative Process More Efficient ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HANLEY	ONTP MAJ	
	OTP-AM MIN	

SUMMARY

This bill sets the statutory adjournment dates for the Legislature as May 1st for the first regular session and March 15th for the 2nd regular session.

LD 1933 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Reduce the Size of the Maine Legislature INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LIPMAN		

SUMMARY

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 99 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members to 33 members. The redistricting will be done by the 117th Legislature and the reduction in the size of the bodies takes effect for the 118th Legislature. The resolution is the same as LD 551 considered by the committee in 1993 and was sent directly to the floor without reference to committee.