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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 Chapter # of enacted Public Law P&S XXX Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law RESOLVE XXX Chapter # of enacted Resolve **CON RES XXX** Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses **EMERGENCY** Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days **ONTP** Ought Not to Pass report accepted INDEF PP Bill Indefinitely Postponed FAILED ENACTMENT Bill failed to get majority vote Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT DIED BETWEEN BODIES House & Senate disagree; bill died Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE **VETO SUSTAINED** Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto UNSIGNED Not signed by Governor within 10 days DIED ON ADJOURNMENT 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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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.