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BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION BEFORE
THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

AUGUST 1995

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing 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 publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, is helpful in determining to which committee any particular bill was referred.

In this document, 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 categories of final action are abbreviated as follows:

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

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. If more detailed information is needed on a bill, contact the committee analyst.

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Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

LD 8 **An Act Regarding School Employees Serving on School Boards** PUBLIC 174

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MCELROY | OTP-AM MAJ | H-218 |
| | ONTP MIN | |

SUMMARY

This bill prevents an employee or the spouse of an employee of a school administrative unit from being on a school board of another school administrative unit if both of the units are in the same school union and have the same superintendent of schools.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-218) restricts the application of the bill to school board members elected upon or after the effective date of the bill. School board members currently serving on a board are exempt from the requirement of the bill for the remainder of their present term.

LD 55 **An Act to Amend the School Administrative District Alternative Voting Procedures** ONTP

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LORD MCALEVEY | ONTP | |

SUMMARY

Under this bill, if an operating school budget fails at 2 alternative voting referenda, then the budget must be submitted to a district budget meeting. The concept contained in this bill will be reconsidered during the second session of the 117th Legislature in conjunction with LD 880 which was carried over.

LD 57 **An Act to Extend the Reporting Date of the Committee to Study Organizational and Tax Issues in Public Schools** PUBLIC 1

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GWADOSKY | | |

SUMMARY

This bill extends the reporting date of the Committee to Study Organizational and Tax Issues in Public Schools from January 15, 1995 to February 13, 1995.

LD 66 **An Act to Establish Choices for Parents and Guardians in their Children's Education** CARRIED OVER

| SPONSOR(S) | COMMITTEE REPORT | AMENDMENTS ADOPTED |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| AMERO | | |

SUMMARY

This bill broadens public education options for parents and students and provides that residence is no longer a prerequisite for enrollment in a school administrative unit. A student may attend the public school of the student's choosing subject to some minor limitations. Amendments have been made to the