

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**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:

<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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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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**An Act to Make the Terms of Certain Commissioners  
Coterminous with the Term of the Governor**

ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
CAREY	ONTP	MAJ	
MICHAUD	OTP-AM	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides for the renomination and reconfirmation of cabinet-level commissioners in the executive branch at the beginning of each term of the Governor.

**LD 113      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of      ONTP**  
**Maine to Provide a Method for Citizen-initiated Recall of**  
**Persons Holding Elective Civil Offices**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LEMKE	ONTP	MAJ	
	OTP-AM	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to permit citizen recall of elected officials for misfeasance, malfeasance or violation of oath while in office on the petition of the number of qualified voters equal to 35% of the total number of votes cast in the preceding gubernatorial election.

**LD 118      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of      ONTP**  
**Maine to Create the Office of Lieutenant Governor**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>		<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
LEMKE	ONTP	MAJ	
	OTP-AM	MIN	

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the office of Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor is elected with the Governor on the same ballot and assists the Governor with the responsibilities and duties of the office of Governor. The Lieutenant Governor succeeds the Governor in the event the office of Governor is vacant.

**LD 120      An Act to Establish Procedures for Secession and      ONTP**  
**Annexation of Territory Situated within a Municipality**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
ROWE	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes standards and procedures for secession and annexation of territory situated within a municipality. (See LD 891 and 1571)