

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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:

<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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**LD 125**      **An Act to Require the Registry of Deeds to Maintain a Separate Volume for the Recording of Subdivision Ordinances**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the clerk of a municipality to file a certified copy of any municipal subdivision ordinances with the registry of deeds. The bill also allows the register of deeds to charge a fee for the recording of the subdivision ordinances. The ordinances must be recorded in a separate volume maintained specifically for subdivision ordinances.

**LD 141**      **An Act to Require Towns with a Population of 3,500 or More to Provide Funding for Law Enforcement**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires a municipality which has a population of 3,500 or more and population density of at least 75 persons per square mile to provide law enforcement protection by (1) appointing local police, (2) contracting with the county or (3) contracting with the State for police services.

**LD 146**      **An Act to Reduce the Expense of the Legislative Process by Shortening the Length of Legislative Sessions**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill shortens legislative sessions by providing that the first regular session will adjourn no later than the 2nd Wednesday in April and the 2nd regular session will adjourn no later than the first Wednesday in March. The bill also sets cloture date as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December for the first regular session.

Under this bill, if the Legislature in a first regular session fails to enact a biennial budget by the adjournment date, then the appropriations and allocations in effect for that current fiscal year continue for each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium until modified by law.

**LD 148**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Direct Popular Election of Constitutional Officers**      DIED BETWEEN BODIES

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

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes a Constitutional amendment to provide for direct popular election of the State's constitutional officers in the manner currently provided for Senators and Representatives.