

# 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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**LD 149**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine to Lower the Age of Eligibility to Serve in the  
Legislature**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes a Constitutional amendment to lower the age requirements for State Senators from 25 to 21 and for Members of the House of Representatives from 21 to 18.

**LD 169**      **Resolve, Establishing the Maine Council on Privatization**      DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
KIEFFER	OTP-AM      A	
JOY	ONTP          B	

**SUMMARY**

This resolve creates the Maine Council on Privatization, which is charged with examining ways in which State Government can use the private sector to deliver certain services currently being provided by the State. The council must submit its final report to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and report its findings, including any necessary legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government no later than February 1, 1996.

**LD 172**      **An Act to Provide Equity and Affordability in Code  
Enforcement for Small Communities**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill exempts municipalities with fewer than 2,500 people from the current requirement that municipal code enforcement officers must be certified.

**LD 186**      **An Act to Permit Full-time Deputies To Hold Local Public  
Office**      PUBLIC 18

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
WHEELER	OTP-AM	H-36
PARADIS		

**SUMMARY**

This bill removes the restrictions on full-time deputies holding the municipal offices of selectman, city councilor or budget committee member.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-36) retains the removal of the restrictions on full-time deputies holding certain municipal offices contained in the original bill and clarifies that they may not hold any county office other than full-time deputy sheriff.