

# 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:

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

5581LHS

This bill provides for discharge of the mortgage after 18 months and termination of the title of the district if that occurs. The bill is parallel to provisions for discharge of municipal property tax liens. The provisions of the bill apply to all sewer district liens whenever recorded.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-30) changes 2 references to "municipality" to "sewer district" in the bill in order to reflect the intent of the legislation.

**LD 246**      **An Act to Require Legislators to Pay a Portion of Their Health and Dental Insurance Premiums**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that Legislators covered under a group health insurance plan or dental insurance plan for Legislators contribute 20% of the insurance premium. The bill also gives legislators the option of receiving the cash value of the insurance benefits in lieu of the state contribution.

**LD 247**      **An Act to Ensure Full Agency Review of Municipal Impacts Caused by Agency Actions**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires that rules that, if adopted, would potentially result in costs for a municipality but, because of the indirectness of the impact or other factor, do not rise to the level of state mandates must be reviewed by the agency proposing them to determine whether the costs can be mitigated or avoided. If the costs can not be mitigated or avoided, the agency must make specific findings to justify the fiscal impact.

**LD 270**      **Resolve, to Create the Commission to Establish Job Criteria and Qualification Requirements for Certain State Officers**      ONTP

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

**SUMMARY**

This resolve creates the Commission to Establish Job Criteria and Qualification Requirements for Certain State Officers. The responsibilities and duties of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General and the State Auditor will be reviewed for the purpose of establishing job criteria and qualification requirements for the individuals holding those positions.

**LD 275**      **Resolve, Creating the New England Regional Commission on Fiscal and Public Policy**      ONTP

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