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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH 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 & 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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LD 343 **An Act to Amend the Treatment of Security Deposits in Order to Provide a Remedy for Failure to Comply** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
JONES K ONTP

SUMMARY

Security deposits may not be commingled with the assets of the landlord and disclosure by the landlord regarding the location of the security deposit is required under existing law. This bill would have established a remedy of \$50 in damages for violation of the existing law.

LD 344 **An Act to Provide Equity in Services to Residents of Mobile Home Parks** ONTP

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
WINSOR ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have required that mobile home park residents receive the same police protection and solid waste disposal services provided to other residents of single-family dwellings within a municipality.

LD 349 **An Act Concerning Tie Votes among Candidates in Municipal Secret Ballot Elections** PUBLIC 13

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
WINN OTP

SUMMARY

This bill permitted any candidate tied for municipal office in secret ballot elections to withdraw whether the municipality had adopted an ordinance to permit withdrawals or not. It accomplished this by removing the requirement that a municipality must adopt an ordinance providing for such withdrawal in order for it to occur.

LD 353 **An Act to Allow Election Officials to Request Identification from Prospective Voters** DIED BETWEEN BODIES

SPONSOR(S) **COMMITTEE REPORT** **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**
TAYLOR OTP-AM MAJ
 ONTP MIN

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed an election official to require a person who is not known by the official to present identification before voting at the polls.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-43) would have given the election official broader discretion than the bill in determining what is acceptable identification for a voter unknown to the election official. It also would have permitted a person who did not provide the required identification to cast a challenged ballot.