

# 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 378**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of  
Maine to Provide for 4-year Terms for Senators**      **DIED BETWEEN  
BODIES**

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

**SUMMARY**

This resolution proposes a Constitutional amendment to change a Senator's term to 4 years and limit to 2 the number of terms a Senator may serve consecutively beginning with the general election in 1998.

**LD 381**      **An Act to Ensure Public Access to All Legislative  
Constituent Allowance Expenditures**      **ONTP**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires a Legislator to account for and provide an itemized list of expenditures from the allowance for constituent services. The bill also requires that a Legislator return any unexpended amount to the Legislative Council.

**LD 386**      **An Act to Establish the Maine Commission on Community  
Service**      **PUBLIC 54**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
BRENNAN	OTP-AM	H-102    DAGGETT H-57

**SUMMARY**

On September 21, 1993, the federal National and Community Service Trust Act was enacted to engage citizens in meeting critical needs through direct community-based service. That Act requires that every state wishing to participate in national service initiatives create a bipartisan commission on national and community service or a comparable entity. This bill puts into law the Maine Commission on Community Service previously established by an executive order of the Governor.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-57) replaces the original bill. The amendment refines the mission of the Commission on community service, clarifies several of the membership provisions, requires an annual report and adds an allocation section.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-102) clarifies the transition provision of Committee Amendment "A."

**LD 392**      **An Act to Clarify the Collection of Sewer Charges**      **ONTP**

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