

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 &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 380 An Act to Establish a Minimum Percentage Markup for Alcoholic Beverages**

PUBLIC 53

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LIBBY JL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-74

**SUMMARY**

This bill permitted agency liquor stores to sell liquor at a price higher than the price set by the State for liquor sold at state liquor stores. Existing rules of the State Liquor and Lottery Commission require agency liquor stores to sell liquor at the same price as do state liquor stores.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-74) added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 397 An Act to Allow Unenrolled Voters to Serve as Election Workers at Polls**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
SPEAR

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have permitted registered voters who are not enrolled in a political party to serve as election workers.

**LD 400 An Act to Authorize Video Gaming**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DIPIETRO

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill authorized the operation of video lottery terminals and established the State's share of net terminal income at 40%. This bill was carried over to the next session.

**LD 430 An Act to Prohibit State Legislative Employees from Using State Time or Property for Campaigning**

PUBLIC 100

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HANLEY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-68  
S-86 CARPENTER

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibited partisan legislative employees from participating in campaigns during working hours. It also restricted all legislative employees from using equipment for anything other than work-related matters and prohibited the display of campaign materials for current candidates.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-68) corrected an erroneous headnote in the bill that designated partisan employees as Legislative Council employees, clarified that legislative employees were not permitted to use legislative equipment and resources for campaign purposes and deleted the section that prohibited campaign materials in the State House. It also added a fiscal note to the bill.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-86) was presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in Second Reading to correct an amending clause.