

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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.

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**LD 460**

**An Act to Require Voters to Renew Their Voter Registration Every 6 Years**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HARTNETT

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that certain state agencies provide services to allow registered voters to renew their registration. Renewal of voter registration would have been required every 6 years, which was determined to be a municipal mandate.

**LD 467**

**An Act to Require that Political Signs be Placed No Closer than 100 Feet to Any Roadway Intersection**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
CAMERON

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the placement of political campaign signs within 100 feet of any intersection.

**LD 470**

**Resolve, to Require the Special Commission to Erect a Plaque in the Hall of Flags Honoring Medal of Honor Recipients from Maine to Submit 2 Reports**

RESOLVE 8  
EMERGENCY

**SPONSOR(S)**  
GREENLAW

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-94

**SUMMARY**

This resolve established the dates for the appointment of the members of special commission to erect a plaque in the Hall of Flags honoring Medal of Honor recipients from Maine and when its initial and final reports to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be submitted.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-94) removes the May 1st deadline for appointing commission members and alters the title of the resolve to reflect that change. It also requires the Special Commission to Erect a Plaque in the Hall of Flags Honoring Medal of Honor Recipients from Maine to consult with the State House and Capitol Park Commission to determine an appropriate location and design for the plaque.

**LD 497**

**An Act Concerning the Posting of Campaign Signs within 150 Feet of Private Property**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
SMALL

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that political campaign signs could not be placed on state property if the signs were within 150 feet of a driveway, entrance or approach of private property, unless the property owner granted permission to place the signs.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-108) would have added a fiscal note to the bill.