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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:

<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 519**

**An Act to Increase the Operating Profit of Agency Liquor Stores**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
DIPIETRO

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have increased the operating profit of agency liquor stores from 8% to 20%.

**LD 555**

**An Act to Increase the Time Period for Veterans Serving in Desert Storm Recognized in the Veterans Preference Program**

PUBLIC 115

**SPONSOR(S)**  
RUHLIN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
S-69

**SUMMARY**

This bill extended the time period during which participation in Desert Storm qualified a person for veterans' preference.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-69) added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 567**

**An Act Relating to Municipal Clerks Who Chair Boards of Voter Registration**

PUBLIC 56

**SPONSOR(S)**  
WINN

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

Under existing law, a municipal clerk serving as chair of the board of voter registration who did not nominate a successor could not be removed by the municipal officers, regardless of the clerk's conduct in office on the board. This bill corrected the problem and allowed the municipal officers to remove a clerk from the board for cause. The bill also permitted a clerk who was appointed as chair to serve for their entire tenure as clerk, unless removed as a board member, and exempted the clerk from the chair's usual 4-year term.

**LD 587**

**An Act Concerning the Required Distance between Agency Liquor Stores**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HATHAWAY

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP MIN

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have changed the distance allowed between sites of agency liquor stores from 3.5 miles to 2.5 miles.