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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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-141) added a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1061 **An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Law Relating to Defense**

PUBLIC 196

SPONSOR(S)
FERGUSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-144

SUMMARY

This bill permitted certain military personnel to perform voluntary military service by order of the Governor, the Adjutant General or Deputy Adjutant General.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-144) changed the language of the bill to ensure that the law applied to enlisted personnel as well as officers. It also permitted a current state employee to serve as a deputy adjutant general.

LD 1067 **An Act to Require That a Vacancy in a County Office Be Filled by an Appointee from the Same Political Party**

PUBLIC 245

SPONSOR(S)
FERGUSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill required vacancies in the offices of sheriff, judge of probate, register of probate, county treasurer and register of deeds be filled by a person from the same political party as the most recent incumbent. The bill also required that, in temporarily filling vacancies in the offices of district attorney, commissioner, sheriff, judge of probate, register of probate, treasurer and register of deeds, the Governor appoint a person from among recommendations by the county committee of the political party from which the appointment is to be made. The temporary office holder would serve until an election was held to fill the vacancy.

LD 1074 **An Act to Limit Contribution of Political Committees and Other Associations in Elections for State Legislators**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
DAVIDSON

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have limited to \$500 the contribution by a political committee, other committee, corporation or association in a primary or general election for a State Legislator.