

# 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 1076 An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding the Ejection of a Person from a Boardinghouse**

CARRIED OVER

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
JONES K

**SUMMARY**

This bill established that the law relating to the ejection of disruptive or destructive persons from inns, hotels, lodging houses and boardinghouses applies, regardless of length of stay, if the guest received services typically supplied to transient guests, and possession and control of the room remain with the management of the facility.

This bill was carried over until the second session, pending an agreement among the interested parties.

**LD 1081 An Act to Allow Part-time Police Officers to Acquire Liquor Licenses**

PUBLIC 192

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
MICHAUD                              OTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill permitted part-time law enforcement officers to be eligible for a liquor license.

**LD 1091 An Act to Increase the Number of Signatures Necessary for a Candidate to be Listed on a Ballot**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
CIANCHETTE                              ONTP                              MAJ  
    OTP-AM                              MIN

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have doubled the number of signatures required for a candidate to get on the ballot in elections for federal, gubernatorial and state legislative offices.

The minority COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-237) would have added a requirement to the bill that candidates for federal congressional, state legislative or gubernatorial office, using the nomination by petition process, must obtain signatures from unenrolled voters. It would have also added a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1098 An Act to Voluntarily Limit Campaign Spending**

ONTP

**SPONSOR(S)**                      **COMMITTEE REPORT**                      **AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
LAWRENCE                              ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have established limits on campaign spending and allowed candidates to limit voluntarily the amount of money they spent on a campaign. The bill would have also set up a penalty schedule for candidates who exceeded the voluntary spending limits and a complaint process.