

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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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8. It has additional provisions relating to state employee conflicts of interest; giving first option on purchase of state recreational lands to municipalities; requiring the Departments of Human Services and of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to adopt additional rules concerning contracts for the provision of human services; and establishing a study commission to report back with an evaluation of public and private provision of human services in Maine.

**LD 1369      An Act to Amend the Law to Reflect Recent Changes in the Joint Rules** ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> BUTLAND	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the State Government Evaluation and Justification Act to make the law consistent with recent changes in the Joint Rules of the 117th Legislature. The functions previously performed by the Joint Standing Committee on Audit and Program Review, which has been eliminated, are redistributed between the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the appropriate policy committee of the Legislature. (See related bill, LD 1348)

**LD 1375      An Act to Repeal the Law Regarding Access to Property via Abandoned Roads** PUBLIC 244

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> JONES K	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-276
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**SUMMARY**

This bill repeals the law establishing a special hearing procedure within the judicial department for cases involving landlocked property created by public ways abandoned before September 3, 1965.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-276) adds a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 1376      An Act to Make Any Recorded Tapes of Legislative Sessions or Legislative Hearings Public Information** ONTP

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> GERRY	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP      MAJ OTP-AM    MIN	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the alteration of any written or recorded material from the Senate, the House of Representatives, confirmation hearings or legislative hearings. The bill also requires that the original records be available for public inspection.

**LD 1383      An Act to Establish Periodic Adjustments in the Mileage Reimbursements** PUBLIC 246

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> DAGGETT	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-291
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