

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

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on  
Labor*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**August 2001**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet ([www.state.me.us/legis/opla](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla)).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

*CARRIED OVER*..... *Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session*  
*CON RES XXX*..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*  
*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*  
*EMERGENCY*..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*  
*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*..... *Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*  
*FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*..... *Bill failed to get majority vote*  
*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*..... *Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*  
*INDEF PP*..... *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*  
*ONTP*..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*  
*OTP ND*..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*  
*OTP ND/NT*..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*  
*P&S XXX*..... *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*  
*UNSIGNED*..... *Bill held by Governor*  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Labor

LD 25

**An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the  
Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30,  
2002**

**P & S 4  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 25 presented the Maine State Retirement System's operating budget for fiscal year 2001-02 to the Legislature for approval as required by law. Section 1 of the bill identifies the retirement system's personal services costs and its costs for all other operating expenses. Section 2, provided for information purposes, attributes expenses of the system to 3 categories: General Fund, Non-General Fund and Participating Local Districts.

### *Enacted law summary*

Since July 1, 1993, the Maine State Retirement System has been required by statute to present its annual administrative operating budget to the Legislature for approval. Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 4 establishes the system's annual administrative operating budget for fiscal year 2001-02 in the amount of \$9,053,246.

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 4 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2001.

LD 41

**An Act Relating to Employment Contracts**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)  
BRYANT  
MICHAUD MH

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 41 proposed to invalidate a contract that prevents an employer from rehiring employees displaced during a labor dispute and from removing workers who were hired to replace those employees. It proposed to specify that no cause of action lies in state courts to require an employer to retain an employee or employees hired to replace workers who participate in a labor dispute.

**LD 57**

**An Act to Require That Certain Employees Be Paid on a Weekly  
Basis**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)  
TWOMEY

Committee Report  
ONTP MAJ  
OTP-AM MIN

Amendments Adopted

LD 57 proposed to reenact the law repealed in 1999, which required that certain employees be paid on a weekly basis.