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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Legal and Veterans' Affairs*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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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).

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 Legal and Veterans' Affairs

LD 1101

An Act to Bring Fairness to the Maine Clean Elections Act

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MENDROS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1101 proposed that if a candidate certified under the Maine Clean Election Act receives a contribution or expenditure that which would constitute an independent expenditure under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1019, that candidate's opponent could raise and spend an equivalent amount without triggering matching funds.

LD 1104

An Act to Provide Fairness in Lottery Ticket Sales

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MENDROS WOODCOCK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1104 proposed to allow the Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue licenses as an agent to sell lottery tickets to anyone who meets the requirements no matter how close the new location would be to any existing licensed location.

LD 1106

An Act to Bring Parity to the Candidate Signature Requirement

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAEL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1106 proposed to permit a candidate for State Senator or State Representative to collect signatures for a primary election from voters in the candidate's electoral district regardless of that voter's party enrollment as long as the candidate collects twice the amount required by current law.

LD 1112

An Act to Allow Oral Campaigning by Candidates at the Polls

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAEL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1112 proposed to repeal the provision that prohibits candidates from campaigning orally at the polls.