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*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Legal and Veterans' Affairs*

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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 Legal and Veterans' Affairs

**LD 1126**

**An Act to Provide a Standard Residency Requirement for the Purpose of Registering to Vote**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CRESSEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1126 proposed to provide that a person must establish and maintain residency in a municipality for at least 30 days before an election in order for that person to register to vote in that municipality.

**LD 1150**

**An Act to Prohibit Campaign Signs Within 750 Feet of a Polling Place**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JONES		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1150 proposed to increase the distance any political advertising material could be placed near the entrance to either the voting place or the registrar's office from 250 feet to 750 feet. It also proposed to specify that a voter could not wear clothing bearing a candidate's name at the polls.

**LD 1160**

**An Act for Public Disclosure of Referendum Question Submissions**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN DAIGLE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1160 proposed to require the Secretary of State to send a booklet to every registered voter in the State detailing the language of a citizen initiated petition, providing an analysis of tax and fiscal consequences and the effect on existing law, and including statements for and against every direct initiative question that would appear on the ballot at the next statewide election.