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**STATE OF MAINE**  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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:

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 (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

*Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy*

**LD 940**

**Resolve, To Protect the Future of the Sebago Lake Water Supply**

**ACCEPTED ONTP  
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRESSEY	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This resolve requires that if the boat ramp located on Sebago Lake in Sebago Lake Village in Standish is moved more than 1/2 mile from where it is located as of December 31, 2006, then the boat ramp must be moved out of the 2-mile "no bodily contact zone" as established by the Portland Water District Board of Trustees.

**LD 941 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Long Pond Water District**

**P & S 5  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EATON	OTP	

This bill changes the territory of the Long Pond Water District, which serves the Town of Sorrento and a portion of the Town of Sullivan, to increase its service territory within the Town of Sullivan. The bill also changes the composition of the board of trustees of the district to give the Town of Sullivan greater representation by decreasing the number of trustees from the Town of Sorrento from 4 to 3 and increasing the number of trustees from the Town of Sullivan from one to 2.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 5 changes the territory of the Long Pond Water District, which serves the Town of Sorrento and a portion of the Town of Sullivan, to increase its service territory within the Town of Sullivan. The law also changes the composition of the board of trustees of the district to give the Town of Sullivan greater representation by decreasing the number of trustees from the Town of Sorrento from 4 to 3 and increasing the number of trustees from the Town of Sullivan from one to 2.

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 5 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2007.

**LD 969 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 316, Long Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission**

**RESOLVE 35  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-178

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 316, Long Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-178)**

This amendment adds a provision to the resolve to provide allocations of Other Special Revenue Funds to carry out the provisions of Chapter 316, Long Term Contracting and Resource Adequacy, a major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission.