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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

LD 103 **An Act To Improve the Access of Beer and Wine Licensees to Agency Liquor Store Licenses** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY	ONTP	

This bill provides that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement may not deny an agency liquor store license to an off-premise retail licensee who is licensed to sell malt liquor and wine solely because of proximity to an existing agency liquor store or the impact of the proposed license on existing agency liquor store licensees.

LD 120 **An Act To End Taxpayer-funded Campaigns for Gubernatorial Candidates** **Carried Over**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK T		

This bill eliminates Maine Clean Election Act funding for gubernatorial candidates.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 142 **An Act To Improve Party Status Requirements** **PUBLIC 227**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN	OTP-AM	H-184 CHIPMAN H-41

This bill removes the requirement that, in order to participate in a primary election, a political party must hold at least one municipal caucus in each county in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-41)

This amendment strikes the provision that eliminates the requirement for municipal caucuses in each county as a criterion for maintaining status as a political party. The amendment replaces that provision with the requirement that a party must hold a municipal caucus in a minimum of 12 counties.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-184)

This amendment increases the minimum number of counties in which municipal caucuses must be held from 12, as proposed in Committee Amendment "A," to 14.

Enacted Law Summary