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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 State and Local Government

**LD 174 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Employment, Discipline and
Dismissal of Chief Deputy Sheriffs**

PUBLIC 15

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION	OTP-AM	H-16

This bill provides that the selection, employment and disciplinary restrictions placed on county officers and department heads with respect to their employees do not apply to a county sheriff with respect to the sheriff's chief deputy.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-16)

This amendment adds a requirement that the chief deputy sheriff hold the same qualifications as a sheriff.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 15 provides that the selection, employment and disciplinary restrictions placed on county officers and department heads with respect to their employees do not apply to a county sheriff with respect to the sheriff's chief deputy. It also requires the chief deputy sheriff to hold the same qualifications as a sheriff.

**LD 189 An Act To Achieve Cost Savings by Eliminating Deputy Commissioner
Positions throughout State Government**

ONTP

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

This bill eliminates, by the end of fiscal year 2010-11, all deputy commissioner positions in State Government.

LD 214 An Act To Establish Governor William King Day

PUBLIC 17

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-6

This bill establishes Governor William King Day in honor of the first governor of Maine, on February 9th, William King's birthday.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-6)

This amendment establishes Governor William King Day on March 16th, to fall the day after Statehood Day, instead of February 9th.

Enacted Law Summary