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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

Public Law 2011, chapter 17 establishes Governor William King Day on March 16th, the day after Statehood Day.

LD 222 An Act To Provide for the Appointment of Division Directors in the Department of Environmental Protection INDEF PP

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

This bill adds division directors within bureaus of the Department of Environmental Protection to the list of major policy-influencing positions. The effect of this change is that these positions will no longer be classified service positions within an employee bargaining unit but will become unclassified service positions appointed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

This bill was not referred to committee but was indefinitely postponed on reference.

LD 278 An Act To Allow the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman To Adopt a Policy To Simplify the Municipal Disbursement Warrant Process P & S 13

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE A SHERMAN	OTP-AM	H-367

This bill allows municipalities that have entered into an interlocal agreement pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 115 to adopt a written policy that allows their treasurer to disburse money when a disbursement warrant has been signed by the chair of the municipal officers in each municipality involved in the interlocal agreement. Current law requires the warrant to be voted on and signed by a majority of the municipal officers in each municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-367)

This amendment replaces the bill. It amends the private and special law that allows the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman to use one depository account for the three towns. The amendment allows the three towns to adopt a policy to permit the disbursement of money when a warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers representing each town. A facsimile signature of the municipal officers may be used. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer in each town and renewed annually by a vote of the municipal officers in each town.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 13 allows the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman to adopt a policy to permit the disbursement of money when a warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers representing each town. A facsimile signature of the municipal officers may be used. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer in each town and renewed annually by a vote of the municipal officers in each town.