

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**



Disposition of All Bills and Summaries of All Laws Enacted or
Finally Passed During the First Regular and First Special Session
of the 131st Maine Legislature

First Regular Session convened Wednesday, December 7, 2022
First Regular Session adjourned sine die Thursday, March 30, 2023
First Special Session convened Wednesday April 5, 2023
First Special Session adjourned sine die Wednesday, July 26, 2023

	First Regular	First Special
Senate Legislative Days	21	36
House Legislative Days	21	36
Number of Bills	2019	

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OCTOBER 2023

ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part QQQ.

LD 41 An Act to Increase the Hourly Reimbursement Rate of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Lawyers to \$150 per Hour

Although this bill was not enacted, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the First Regular Session directed the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) to adopt major substantive rules on an emergency basis increasing the reimbursement rate for assigned counsel to up to \$150 per hour effective March 1, 2023. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 206, Part Q. Additional funding to support the increased reimbursement rate was included in the biennial budget bill enacted in the First Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 424, §A-38 and Part T.

LD 112 An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance

Though this bill was not enacted, a majority of the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part OOOOO.

LD 86 An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 165 An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 197 An Act to Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in the Department of Public Safety

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part IIII.