

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
131<sup>ST</sup> 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 131<sup>st</sup> 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.*

### **LD 1918 An Act to Modernize Maine's Business Incentive Programs by Creating the Dirigo Business Incentives Program and Eliminating Certain Other Tax Incentive Programs**

Although this bill died on adjournment on July 26, 2023, the version of the bill represented in the committee amendment was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, part J, which creates the Dirigo business incentives program to provide a tax credit to qualified businesses. The program provides an exemption from the requirement for confidentiality of tax records for information disclosed as part of certain reports to the Department of Economic and Community Development and legislative committees regarding the Dirigo business incentives program. It extends the end date of the Pine Tree Development Zone program by one year, eliminates the Pine Tree Recreation Zone program and eliminates the Maine capital investment credit as of January 1, 2025. It allows a business participating in the Dirigo business incentives program to qualify for certain benefits currently available to businesses participating in the Pine Tree Development Zone program, including electricity discount rates and exemption from certain requirements for the sale of electricity. It prohibits issuing a certificate of approval for employment tax increment financing after December 31, 2024 and eliminates the employment tax increment financing benefits as of December 31, 2034.

### **LD 1964 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program**

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 AAA.