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**122nd Legislature (2004-2006)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1907 / HP1348

An Act To Amend the Law Governing DNA Testing. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville; Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CHURCHILL of Washburn, CUMMINGS of Portland, DAVIS of Augusta, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GROSE of Woolwich, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SMITH of Van Buren, Senators: DOW of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 02/15/06. OTP-AM Accepted 04/13/06. Amended by: CA H-994. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/30/06, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 659.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1907 \(122nd Legis. 2006\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1907 / PL 2005, c. 659](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-994\) \(LD 1907 2006\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

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[HOUSE, April 26, 2006 \(H1632-1655\)](#)

- p. H-1635 (Amendment(s) H-994)

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- p. S-1963 (Amendment(s) H-994)

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- p. S-2085 (Amendment(s) H-994)

## Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2005, c. 659](#)

## News Articles

Supporters say DNA bill not just about Dechaine (Kesich, Gregory D.) (Portland Press Herald, 2/6/2006) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation:

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Uncertain DNA evidence shaky reason for new trials (Maine Sunday Telegram, 2/12/2006) ●

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Is it too hard to pry open settled cases? (Grape, Nancy) (Maine Sunday Telegram,

2/12/2006) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation:

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DNA law changes stir emotions (Robicheau, Leanne M.) (Bangor Daily News, 2/16/2006) ●

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Panel eyes new rules for retrials (Kesich, Gregory D.) (Portland Press Herald, 2/16/2006) ●

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DNA bill needs to be reined in (Ordway, Renee) (Bangor Daily News, 2/17/2006) ● (Available

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Talk to bill's sponsor (Paradis, Ross) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 2/21/2006) ● (Available on

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Lawmakers weigh change to DNA law (Robicheau, Leanne M.) (Bangor Daily News,

3/8/2006, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 122/LD19xx/nc122-ld-1907/SB122268.pdf)

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DNA law would protect innocent, promote justice (Kennebec Journal, 3/20/2006) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 122/LD19xx/nc122-ld-1907/SB122296.pdf)

Are deadlines appropriate in new DNA evidence bill? (Portland Press Herald, 3/20/2006) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 122/LD19xx/nc122-ld-1907/SB122295.pdf)

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