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**131st Legislature (2022-2024)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 86 / HP0054

An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag. Presented by Representative PAULHUS of Bath. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. Public Hearing 03/28/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/07/23. Amended by: CA H-232, SA S-146. Final Disposition: Enacted, Unsigned 01/07/24, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 487. Failed at Referendum, 11/05/24 (In favor: 358,912; Opposed: 451,366)

**Original Bill**

[LD 86 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

[LD 86 / PL 2023, c. 487](#)

**Analyst Notes**

[LD 86 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0086.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(SLG\) \(03/28/2023\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(SLG\) \(04/04/2023\)](#)

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-232\) \(LD 86 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA \(S-146\) \(LD 86 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment HA \(H-285\) \(LD 86 2023\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, January 10, 2023 \(H-45-51\)](#)

p. H-47

[SENATE, January 10, 2023 \(S-52-61\)](#)

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[HOUSE, May 30, 2023 \(H-570-583\)](#)

p. H-574 (Amendment(s) H-232)

[HOUSE, June 6, 2023 \(H-610-653\)](#)

p. H-644 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p648,649,651)) (Amendment(s) H-232, H-285)

[SENATE, June 07, 2023 \(S-927-995\)](#)

p. S-987 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p990,991)) (Amendment(s) H-232, S-146)

[HOUSE, June 12, 2023 \(H-702-761\)](#)

p. H-708 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-232, S-146)

[HOUSE, June 13, 2023 \(H-762-819\)](#)

p. H-768 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p771)) (Amendment(s) H-232, S-146)

[SENATE, June 13, 2023 \(S-1097-1153\)](#)

p. S-1137 (Amendment(s) H-232, S-146)

[SENATE, July 25, 2023 \(S-1531-1592\)](#)

p. S-1556 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-232, S-146)

[SENATE, January 3, 2024 \(S-1593-1637\)](#)

p. S-1595 (Remarks)

### Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2023, c. 487](#)

### News Articles

House narrowly votes to restore Maine's original flag (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 6/8/2023, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/PPH 230608E.pdf)

Senate- Let the voters decide on replacing state flag (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 6/9/2023, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/PPH 230609E.pdf)

A wrinkle in the state flag debate- Popular old design isn't the original (Haley Hersey) (Portland Press Herald, 6/13/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/PPH 230613B.pdf)

State flag referendum survives last-minute challenge in the House (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 6/14/2023, p. B1, B6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/PPH 230614E.pdf)

State flag becomes flashpoint over what it means to be a Mainer (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 6/15/2023, p. A1, B5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/BDN 230615B.pdf)

Legislature moves closer to sending state flag question to voters (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 7/13/2023, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/PPH 230713F.pdf)

In Maine flag debate, an identity crisis (Kevin Cullen) (Boston Globe, 7/25/2023, p. A1, A10) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/Boston Globe 230724A.pdf)

State flag referendum must wait until next year (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 7/27/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/PPH 230727C.pdf)

LD 86 'An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag' (Kathy Javner) (Lincoln News/Katahdin Region News, 8/9/2023, p. 20) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/Clip23295.pdf)

Unfurling the facts in the 1901 state flag debate (Kelley Bouchard) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 8/14/2023, p. A1, A14) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/MST 230813B.pdf)

New wave? What you need to know about Maine's flag referendum (Rachel Ohm) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 9/16/2024, p. A1, A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/MST 240915C.pdf)

Maine voters reject efforts to restore 1901-era pine tree state flag (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 11/7/2024, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/BDN 241107C.pdf)

Mainers vote not to change state flag (Emily Allen) (Portland Press Herald, 11/7/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0086/PPH 241107C.pdf)

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