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SECOND REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed
during the Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123rd Maine
Legislature coming from the

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

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123rd Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill 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 bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (R2) is June 30, 2008. The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session (S1) is July 18, 2008.¹ The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills. Any bill summarized in this document having an LD number less than 1932 was a bill carried over from the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

¹ The session in which each law was enacted or finally passed (R2 or S1) is included in Appendix C.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 186 An Act To Provide Funding to the St. Francis Water District for New Wells

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON MARTIN	ONTP	

This bill makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the St. Francis Water District.

**LD 189 An Act To Invest in an Allied Health Center at Northern Maine
Community College**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISCHER SHERMAN	ONTP	

This bill makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 to Northern Maine Community College to help fund a collaborative allied health center in partnership with the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the State and local health care providers. This funding is to be used primarily to purchase equipment for the center.

**LD 305 Resolve, To Investigate the Possibility of Expanding Cellular Telephone
Service in Certain Rural Areas**

RESOLVE 212

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON MARTIN	OTP-AM	H-1001

This bill makes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$125,000 in each year of the 2008-2009 biennium for the Department of Economic and Community Development to enter into partnerships with private businesses to install cellular telephone towers in underserved rural areas where there is currently no signal or to place cellular telephone equipment on state-owned towers in areas that lack cellular telephone service.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1001)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve, eliminates the appropriations and allocations section and directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to investigate the possibility of negotiating with providers of cellular telephone service for use of the state-owned tower located in St. Francis and report the results of its investigation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. The committee is authorized to submit legislation regarding the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 212 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to investigate the possibility of negotiating with providers of cellular telephone service for use of the state-owned tower located in St. Francis and report the results of its investigation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. The committee is authorized to submit legislation regarding the report.