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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND
ENERGY**

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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 First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

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:

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

Please note that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy

**LD 1216 Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Stimulate
Telecommunications Investment, Economic Development and Job
Creation**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDMONDS		

This resolve is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The resolve proposes to establish a study commission to study the current regulations in the telecommunications industry and develop recommendations to promote investment, economic development and job creation.

This resolve was carried over by H.P. 1369 to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature.

**LD 1221 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Kennebunk Light and Power
District**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SULLIVAN		

This bill amends the Kennebunk Light and Power District charter to allow Kennebunk Light and Power District to provide retail electric service throughout the entire Town of Kennebunk subject to referendum and without the need to obtain prior approval of the Public Utilities Commission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, sections 2102, 2105 and 2110. The bill also authorizes Kennebunk Light and Power District to acquire by purchase the properties and rights of any public utility currently serving in those areas where the charter amendment would allow Kennebunk Light and Power District to extend its services. The bill also authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to resolve disputes or disagreements between Kennebunk Light and Power District and any public utility as to the valuation of facilities to be purchased by Kennebec Light and Power District and as to the severance and realignment of facilities rated 50 kilovolts or below as a result of the purchase.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1369 to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature.

LD 1236 An Act To Create the Princeton Water District

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EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEOD	OTP	

This bill creates the Princeton Water District as a standard water district pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 64, subject to approval by referendum vote.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 6 creates the Princeton Water District as a standard water district pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 64, subject to approval by referendum vote.

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 6 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 12, 2007, for the purpose of permitting its submission to the voters of the district in a referendum.