

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> 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 First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> 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 Education and Cultural Affairs*

**LD 1257    An Act Regarding the Terms of Members of the Maine State Museum Commission**

**PUBLIC 100  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ADAMS	OTP-AM	H-105

LD 1257 adds one year to the terms of Maine State Museum Commission members, and provides a transition plan to create a pattern for future appointments. This pattern will result in 3 out of 15 member terms expiring on a fixed date each year.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-105)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2007, chapter 100 adds one year to the terms of Maine State Museum Commission members, and provides a transition plan for future appointments. After the transition period, each member will be appointed to a term of 5 years with 3 of the 15 members' terms expiring each year.

Public Law 2007, chapter 100 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 10, 2007.

**LD 1281    Resolve, Requiring the Department of Education To Issue Rules Adopting the Northwest Evaluation Association's Assessment System as an Approved Method of Meeting Learning Results**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS P	ONTP	

This bill directs the Department of Education to issue rules adopting the Northwest Evaluation Association's assessment system as an approved method of meeting learning results.

**LD 1292    An Act To Ensure the Provision of Necessary Conditions for Effective Education Reform**

**ONTP**

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

This bill changes the conditions and resources that implement the standards-based education system for all students and it requires these conditions and resources to be provided in all school administrative units. It also requires that comprehensive plans for the implementation of standards-based education be collaboratively developed.

**LD 1324    An Act To Restore Income as a Factor in the Determination of Fiscal Capacity in the School Funding Formula**

**ONTP**

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