

# 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

**LD 1395**

## **An Act To Protect Maine Rivers and To Authorize a General Fund**

**ONTP**

### **Bond Issue**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| NUTTING J         | ONTP                    |                           |

Part A of the bill authorizes a General Fund bond issue. The funds provided by the bond issue, in the amount of \$40,000,000, will be used to finance the upgrade of sewage treatment systems in the State. Part B of the bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection to amend the rules to end the combination of sewage and storm water discharge.

Public Law 2007, chapter 39 enacted a similar bond proposal.

## **LD 1402 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Enhance Funding for Stem Cell Research in Maine**

**ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PILON             | ONTP                    |                           |

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to expand research in adult stem cells and embryonic stem cells, establish a public umbilical cord blood bank, award grants to aid in the development of umbilical cord blood banks and establish an advisory council on umbilical cord blood banks.

## **LD 1424 An Act Requiring Long-range Budget Planning**

**CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| WOODBURY          |                         |                           |

LD 1424 requires that the state budget document include a long-range plan for State Government and describe any imbalance between projected revenues and projected expenditures.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369. The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs requested the Joint Select Committee on Prosperity consider this bill in the conduct of their deliberations.

## **LD 1448 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Water Supply Facilities**

**ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>  | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FLOOD<br>MCCORMICK | ONTP                    |                           |

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$8,700,000, to be appropriated over 3 years, will be used to fund drinking water programs and wastewater treatment facilities.

Public Law 2007, chapter 39 enacted a similar bond proposal.