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124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature coming from the

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT**

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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 124th 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:

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| CARRIED OVER..... | Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature |
| 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; bill died |
| ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)..... | Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died |
| P&S XXX..... | Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law |
| 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 |

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is September 12, 2009. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 31 An Act To Amend the Legislative Term Limit Laws

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HOGAN DAVIS G | OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN | |

Current law governing term limits restricts state Senators and members of the state House of Representatives to 4 consecutive 2-year terms. This bill provides that, if a constitutional amendment is adopted and ratified at referendum to increase the length of a legislative term from 2 years to 4 years, the number of permissible consecutive terms would decrease to 2.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-136)

This amendment changes the year that the term limits proposed in the bill would take effect from 2010 to 2014 to coincide with the gubernatorial election. It restricts the terms that Senators and members of the House of Representatives may serve to 2 consecutive 4-year terms or a 10-year consecutive maximum, whichever is longer, to allow for those Senators and Representatives who are elected in 2008 or 2012 or a person who is elected at a special election less than 2 years before the next regular election to serve up to 10 years.

**LD 33 An Act To Change the Name of Township 16, Range 4, WELS, to
Madawaska Lake**

**P & S 7
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| THERIAULT | OTP-AM | H-12 |

This bill authorizes the Aroostook County commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 16, Range 4, WELS, to rename the township Madawaska Lake.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-12)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Private & Special Law 2009, chapter 7 authorizes the Aroostook County commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 16, Range 4, WELS, to rename the township Madawaska Lake.

Private & Special Law 2009, chapter 7 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 17, 2009.