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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th 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 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:

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 449 Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located at 17 School Street in Benedicta, Aroostook County

RESOLVE 10

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAUDETTE SIMPSON	OTP-AM	H-18

This bill authorizes the State to sell or lease specific land and buildings in the unorganized territories that are no longer necessary to the Department of Education and directs the proceeds of any sale and lease to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-18)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 10 authorizes the State to sell or lease specific land and buildings in the unorganized territories that are no longer necessary to the Department of Education and directs the proceeds of any sale and lease to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund.

LD 463 An Act To Allow Nonresident Property Owners To Vote on Municipal Budget Matters

ONTP

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

This bill allows a nonresident owner of real property in a municipality to vote on municipal budget matters in that municipality as long as the nonresident property owner is at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States.

LD 464 An Act To Suspend the Cost-of-living Adjustment for Legislators' Salaries for the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill suspends the cost-of-living adjustment for salaries of Legislators for the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-255)

This amendment includes a General Fund deappropriation to reflect savings resulting from suspension of the cost-of-living adjustment.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

The cost-of-living adjustment for salaries of Legislators for the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature was suspended in Public Law 2009, chapter 213, Part LL, the biennial budget.

LD 473 An Act To Suspend the Cost-of-living Adjustment for Legislators' Salaries for the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill suspends the cost-of-living adjustment for salaries of Legislators for the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-236)

This amendment suspends the cost-of-living adjustment for salaries of legislators for the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature rather than for the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 499 An Act To Require the State To Issue Requests for Proposals for the Shredding of State Documents

ONTP

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

This bill requires that a contract for the service of the destruction of documents of a state agency is subject to the competitive bid process.

LD 538 An Act To Consolidate the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife into a New Department of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to combine the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to form a new Department of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources. The consolidation will be accomplished in a way that retains the core functions of the two departments and promotes cooperation and collaboration among the divisions to ensure that management is integrated.