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**STATE OF MAINE**  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</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 124<sup>th</sup> 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 124<sup>th</sup> 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 Taxation***

**LD 490      An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Mandatory Electronic Filing of Certain Tax Returns**

**P & S 12  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN R	OTP-AM	S-36

This bill is emergency legislation that suspends implementation by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services of any rule expanding electronic filing of certain tax returns beginning April 1, 2009.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-36)**

This amendment replaces the bill and requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to continue leniency in the granting of waivers from new electronic filing requirements and to report on the status of electronic filing and waivers by January 15th annually. The reporting requirement ends January 15, 2015.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 12 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to continue leniency in the granting of waivers from new electronic filing requirements and to report on the status of electronic filing and waivers by January 15th annually. The reporting requirement ends January 15, 2015.

Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 12 is enacted as an emergency measure effective April 21, 2009.

**LD 493      An Act To Provide Sensible Options for Tax Increment Financing Proceeds in Small Towns**

**ONTP**

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

This bill clarifies the procedure for municipalities to jointly participate in a tax increment financing district and permits municipalities with a population of fewer than 1,500 persons singly or jointly to include certain regional and municipal improvements in project costs.

**LD 539      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Allowable Uses of Tax Increment Financing Funds**

**PUBLIC 85**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK H JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-93