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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 Labor*

**LD 801 An Act To Clarify the Rights of Public Employee Unions and Public Employers To Agree through Collective Bargaining To Permit Payroll Deductions for Union Dues or Other Funds**

**PUBLIC 144**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP	

The bill clarifies that the statutory prohibition on using a state computer to solicit political contributions does not bar a public employer from deducting union dues and other funds that are authorized by the employee and remitting that deduction to the union, even if the amount deducted might be used by the union for political or legislative purposes.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 144 clarifies that the statutory prohibition on using a state computer to solicit political contributions does not bar a public employer from deducting union dues and other funds that are authorized by the employee and remitting that deduction to the union, even if the amount deducted might be used by the union for political or legislative purposes.

**LD 812 Resolve, Pertaining to Vacation Leave Earned by Seasonal Employees of the Baxter State Park Authority**

**RESOLVE 43  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ADAMS	OTP-AM	H-154

This resolve requires that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Services amend its rules pertaining to holidays, leaves of absence and related compensation practices to provide that a seasonal employee of the Baxter State Park Authority may choose to be paid for unused vacation and overtime hours at the end of each season. It further clarifies that choosing such an option may not be construed as an interruption in service if the employee returns to classified or unclassified state service in any capacity within one year.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-154)**

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section and an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2009, chapter 43 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services Bureau of Human Services to amend its rules pertaining to holidays, leaves of absence and related compensation practices to provide that a seasonal employee of the Baxter State Park Authority may choose to be paid for unused vacation and overtime hours at the end of each season. It further clarifies that choosing such an option may not be construed as an interruption in service if the employee returns to classified or unclassified state service in any capacity within one year.

Resolve 2009, chapter 43 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 15, 2009.