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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND
ENERGY**

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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 Utilities and Energy

LD 883

An Act To Amend the Charter of the Tenants Harbor Standard Water District

**P & S 15
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RECTOR	OTP-AM	S-53

This bill amends the charter of the Tenants Harbor Standard Water District by changing the way the board of trustees is elected. Under the bill, trustees are elected at large by a plurality vote of the voters of the district at the annual meeting of the district. The amendment to the charter is made retroactive to January 1, 1999.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)

This amendment clarifies the language in the bill regarding the election of trustees of the Tenants Harbor Standard Water District.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 15 amends the charter of the Tenants Harbor Standard Water District by changing the way the board of trustees is elected, so that trustees are elected at large by a plurality vote of the voters of the district at the annual meeting of the district. This change to the charter is made retroactive to January 1, 1999.

Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 15 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2009.

LD 908

Resolve, To Encourage Regional Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Initiatives

RESOLVE 75

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO	OTP-AM	H-308

This resolve authorizes Efficiency Maine, within the Public Utilities Commission, to develop a pilot conservation program for the customers served by the Saco Bay transmission line, similar to programs in other states, in order to alleviate the need for large transmission lines in the Saco Bay area. It requires Efficiency Maine to report to the Utilities and Energy committee by February 15, 2010 on the status of the development of the pilot conservation program and implementation plans for program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-308)

This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission to encourage collaboration between municipalities in the development and implementation of regional energy conservation and renewable energy projects. The amendment requires the commission to report on its efforts to encourage such projects as part of its December 1, 2009 annual report on conservation programs.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 75 directs the Public Utilities Commission to encourage collaboration between municipalities in the development and implementation of regional energy conservation and renewable energy projects. The resolve requires the commission to report on its efforts to encourage such projects as part of its December 1, 2009 annual report on conservation programs.