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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.

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LD 911 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Affordable Housing ONTP

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds for low-interest loans for construction of new homes.

LD 912 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Capital Projects for Hospitals ONTP

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used for capital projects for hospitals and capital projects for hospital-based research and development.

LD 913 An Act To Authorize Bond Issues for Ratification by the Voters for the November 2009 and June and November 2010 Elections PUBLIC 414

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE MITCHELL E	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-583

LD 913 is the Governor's proposed bond issue.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-583)

Committee Amendment "A" (H-563) is the majority report of the Committee in response to various general obligation bond proposals.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 414 does the following:

PART A authorizes a bond issue for improvements to highways and bridges, airports, public transit facilities, ferry and port facilities, including port and harbor structures, as well as funds for the LifeFlight Foundation, that will make the State eligible for federal and other matching funds. Part A requires a November 2009 referendum.

PART B authorizes a bond issue to make investments for the Communities for Maine's Future Program; establish a revolving fund for the purpose of acquiring significant historic properties to be matched by public and private contributions; provide funding for research and development investments administered by the Maine Technology Institute to be matched by other funds; provide funds for disbursements to qualifying small businesses; provide

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grants for food processing for fishing, agricultural, dairy and lumbering businesses within the State and fund redevelopment projects at the Brunswick Naval Air Station that will make the State eligible for federal and other matching funds. Part B requires a June 2010 referendum.

PART C authorizes a bond issue to provide funds for a drinking water revolving loan fund and wastewater revolving loan fund; for wastewater grants to small communities and wastewater treatment facility construction grants; to investigate and clean up hazardous waste in uncontrolled sites; to provide assistance to homeowners whose homes are serviced by substandard or malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems; and to assist farmers in renovating or constructing pollution control structures and in developing sustainable water sources and distribution systems to be matched by federal and other funds. Part C requires a June 2010 referendum.

PART D authorizes a bond issue to provide for investments in weatherization and energy efficiency projects and green energy workforce development; for infrastructure and energy efficiency upgrades at campuses of the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy; and for the creation of a fund to develop one or more ocean wind energy demonstration sites. Part D requires a June 2010 referendum.

PART E authorizes a bond issue to invest in land conservation and working waterfront preservation and to improve state parks to be matched by federal and other funds. Part E requires a November 2010 referendum.

PART F requires the Finance Authority of Maine to establish rules to administer funds for grants and loans for food processing for the fishing and agricultural industries contingent on approval of the bond issue authorized for that purpose.

PART G establishes the Communities for Maine's Future Program and an accompanying fund and the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund contingent on approval of the bond issue authorized for those purposes.

PART H establishes the Maine Marine Wind Energy Demonstration Site Fund and language to implement a demonstration site contingent on the passage of the bond issue authorized for that purpose.

LD 957 An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget

Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOY RAYE		

This bill shifts the start of the fiscal biennium for the state budget from the first regular session of the Legislature to the second regular session of the Legislature, beginning for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2012. This bill also provides that the state budget beginning on July 1, 2011 is a one-year budget.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1053.