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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 1098 **Resolve, To Transfer Ownership of the Reed Center on the Stevens Campus in the City of Hallowell to School Administrative District No. 16**

ONTP

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

This bill allows the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell the property known as the Reed Center on the Stevens Campus located in the City of Hallowell to School Administrative District No. 16 or its successor for one dollar.

LD 1100 **An Act To Preserve Government Documents**

PUBLIC 366

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND	OTP-AM	S-207

This bill transfers jurisdiction of campaign finance reports for a candidate for municipal office of a town or city with a population of 15,000 or more from municipal clerks to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. Such municipal candidates will be required to follow the same procedures and guidelines as candidates for state or county office.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-207)

This amendment replaces the bill. It transfers jurisdiction of campaign finance reports for a candidate for municipal office, as well as municipal referenda, of a town or city with a population of 15,000 or more from municipal clerks to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. The transfer affects towns and cities with populations of less than 15,000 that choose to be governed by the campaign finance reporting provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A to retain campaign finance reports for 8 years. Municipal candidates and political action and ballot question committees will begin reporting to the commission beginning with the elections to take place in November 2011. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 366 transfers jurisdiction of campaign finance reports for a candidate for municipal office of a town or city with a population of 15,000 or more from municipal clerks to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. The records for municipal referenda reports for these cities or towns are also transferred. The transfer of jurisdiction affects towns and cities with populations of less than 15,000 that choose to be governed by the campaign finance reporting provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A to retain campaign finance reports for 8 years. Municipal candidates and political action and ballot question committees will begin reporting to the commission beginning with the elections to take place in November 2011.