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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**

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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 State and Local Government

seaward, except that the islands of Bluff and Stratton remain as part of the City of Saco. The change in the municipal boundary may not go into effect until the Town of Old Orchard Beach adopts a municipal zoning ordinance relating to marinas that is at least as strict as that adopted in the City of Saco at the time of the passage of this legislation. The City of Saco and the Town of Old Orchard Beach are authorized to convene a working group to examine regulatory jurisdictions, including zoning, parameters for future development in Saco Bay, uniform environmental regulations for Saco Bay and the feasibility of establishing an oversight group made up of residents from communities bordering Saco Bay. The working group is authorized to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

**LD 1145 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine  
To Amend the Time Frame for Towns To Certify Citizen Initiative**

CON RES 1

**Signatures**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS DAVIS G	OTP-AM	H-176

This bill is a resolution proposing to amend the Constitution of Maine to increase the amount of time provided to officials of cities, towns and plantations to certify that signatures on petitions for a people's veto and on petitions for a direct initiative appear on voting lists for those cities, towns and plantations.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-176)**

The constitutional resolution proposed to amend the Constitution of Maine to increase the amount of time provided to officials of cities, towns and plantations to certify that signatures on petitions for a direct initiative or people's veto appear on voting lists for those cities, towns and plantations. This amendment removes the increase with respect to people's vetoes and clarifies the petition process generally, including clarifying that "day" or "days" means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. It adds 10 days to the period of time before the written petitions for a direct initiative are due to the Secretary of State's office so that citizens have the same amount of time to collect signatures as they do currently.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Constitutional Resolution 2009, chapter 1 is a resolution to amend the Constitution of Maine to increase the amount of time provided to officials of cities, towns and plantations to certify that signatures on petitions for a direct initiative appear on voting lists for those cities, towns and plantations. It clarifies that for the petition process generally, "day" or "days" means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The resolution adds 10 days to the period of time before the written petitions for a direct initiative are due to the Secretary of State's office so that citizens have the same amount of time to collect signatures as they do currently. This resolution must be approved by a majority of the legal votes cast at the statewide election in November in order for this amendment to become part of the Constitution of Maine.

**LD 1147 Resolve, To Allow the Secretary of State and the InforME Board To  
Facilitate the Payment of Outstanding Parking Tickets When  
Registering a Motor Vehicle**

ONTP

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