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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 Legal and Veterans Affairs

This resolve was finally passed as an emergency measure and took effect on June 4, 2009.

**LD 1462**      **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions - Increase of Seed Money to \$150,000, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**      **RESOLVE 103  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-445

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions - increase of seed money to \$150,000, a major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-445)

This amendment denies authorization for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to finally adopt a provisionally adopted rule regarding seed money limits under the Maine Clean Election Act.

### Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 103 denies authorization for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to finally adopt a provisionally adopted rule regarding seed money limits under the Maine Clean Election Act because changes to seed money limits were made by LD 1380.

This resolve was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2009.

**LD 1470**      **Resolve, To Recognize Women Veterans in the State House Hall of Flags**      **RESOLVE 129**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO MITCHELL E	OTP-AM	H-456

This resolve establishes a commission to arrange for a plaque to be displayed in the Hall of Flags in the State House to honor women veterans in the State.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-456)

This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment establishes a resolve that creates a working group to design and arrange for the placement of a plaque in the State House Hall of Flags to honor women veterans of the State. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

### Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 129 creates a working group to design and arrange for the placement of a plaque in the State House Hall of Flags to honor women veterans of the State.