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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 STATE AND LOCAL
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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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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

appointment of an acting Commissioner of Natural Resources and directs the acting commissioner to develop a plan for the organization of the new department and implementing legislation. The acting commissioner is also directed as part of the reorganization to implement recommendations 1 to 8 of the 2008 report of the Natural Resource Agency Task Force appointed by the Governor to implement Public Law 2007, chapter 539, Part YY, section 2. The acting Commissioner of Natural Resources shall report implementing legislation for the reorganization to the Legislature by January 1, 2010. Savings from the reorganization must be reinvested in the Department of Natural Resources.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-212)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill with a resolve. It requires the commissioners of the 4 natural resources departments to develop a report that will implement the 8 consensus recommendations of the Governor's natural resources agency task force. The report is due to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 15, 2010, and the committee has the authority to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

LD 1480 Resolve, Regarding the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta

RESOLVE 91

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill amends Resolve 2007, chapter 151, which directed the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to provide a report on the status and future of the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta and authorized the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to submit legislation to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. This resolve authorizes the joint standing committee to also submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

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