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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 Legal and Veterans Affairs

LD 1484

An Act Regarding the Central Voter Registration System

PUBLIC 370

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

H-486 TRINWARD

This bill provides that either a municipal registrar or the Secretary of State has the authority to cancel voter registration records in the central voter registration system when the records are duplicates or when the voter has moved to another jurisdiction. The bill gives the Secretary of State the explicit authority to conduct a system-wide program of voter list maintenance. The bill provides for access to statistical voter registration information. The bill repeals the sunset of the law regarding the use and distribution of central voter registration system information. This bill, which was introduced by the Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee pursuant to joint order, was reviewed and evaluated by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 434 which requires review and evaluation of new exceptions to the laws governing public records.

House Amendment "A" (H-486)

This amendment reinstates the repeal provision governing public access to records contained within the central voter registration system repealed by the bill and extends it from 2009 to 2011.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 370 provides that either a municipal registrar or the Secretary of State has the authority to cancel voter registration records in the central voter registration system when the records are duplicates or when the voter has moved to another jurisdiction. The bill gives the Secretary of State the explicit authority to conduct a system-wide program of voter list maintenance. The bill provides for access to statistical voter registration information. The bill extends the sunset of the law regarding the use and distribution of central voter registration system information from 2009 to 2011.