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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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GOVERNMENT**

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND  
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

*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; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES*..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY*..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE* ..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT* ..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR*..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW*..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY* ..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP*..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X*... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX*..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... chapter # of enacted public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

*Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

**LD 128      An Act To Provide Access to State Forms**

**PUBLIC 33**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY SULLIVAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-36

This bill requires state forms to be made available to a resident over 60 years of age who does not have home Internet access by regular mail at no cost up to a maximum of 10 pages per year. A fee may be charged for any additional page over the 10-page maximum.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, requires state entities to provide forms by regular mail at no cost to the requestor.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 33 requires state entities to provide forms by regular mail at no cost to the requestor.

**LD 153      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine      ONTP**  
**To Provide for the Reduction of the Size of the Legislature**

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 101 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members and no less than 31 members to 23 members. The redistricting will be done in 2013 during the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, and the reduction in the size of each legislative body takes effect in 2015.

**LD 158      An Act To Improve Public Understanding in the Rulemaking of Certain      ONTP**  
**Departments**

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

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to make available to the public primary sources of information that support the primary provisions in proposed rules. The substance of this bill was incorporated into Public Law 2011, chapter 304 (LD 1).