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

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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 125th 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 125th 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1132

Resolve, To Authorize the Exchange of Interest in Certain Lands Owned by the State

RESOLVE 72

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1132 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation, for exchange of land or interests in land of comparable market value, to convey access rights by easement to Pingree Associates, Inc., in connection with land in Township 5, Range 2, also known as Lincoln Plantation; Township 4, Range 2, also known as Adamstown Township; Township 4, Range 1, also known as Richardsontown Township; and Township C, all in Oxford County. It also authorizes the director, for exchange of land or interests in land of comparable market value, to convey a parcel of land in Nashville Plantation, in Aroostook County, to Pingree Associates, Inc.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-55)

This amendment removes that section of the resolve that authorized the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to convey a parcel of land in Nashville Plantation. It also clarifies that owners of land managed by Pingree Associates, Inc., are the recipients of the road access rights conveyed in the resolve. It identifies the approximate lengths and names of the roads upon which access rights are conveyed.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-152)

This amendment more specifically identifies the easement conveyed along the Richardson Pond Road in Township 4, Range 2.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 72 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to convey access rights by easement to owners of land managed by Pingree Associates, Inc., in connection with land in Township 5, Range 2, also known as Lincoln Plantation; Township 4, Range 2, also known as Adamstown Township; Township 4, Range 1, also known as Richardsontown Township; and Township C, all in Oxford County.

LD 1145

Resolve, To Require the Purchase of Maine Wood Fuel by Recipients of Certain Public Funds

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1145 requires that any funds awarded under the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry's public building wood-to-energy program be on the condition that the recipient purchase wood fuel from a Maine harvester or manufacturer for use in the wood-to-energy system purchased using the funds. This resolve also requires the Department of Conservation and the Department of Education to work together to promote to prior recipients of funds under the program the purchase of wood fuel from a Maine harvester or manufacturer, as long as the cost of the wood fuel does not exceed by more than 10% the lowest bid received by that recipient for wood fuel.