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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 Second 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
	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
	enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT of	r FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSA	AGE failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT	legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR Governor	r 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, MINOR	RITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
<i>P&S XXX</i>	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 Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is Thursday, August 30, 2012. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It is the same as the majority report except that it does not include the provisions of the minority report relating to charges for make-ready work.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 484 establishes standards governing line extension practices for transmission and distribution utilities serving more than 500,000 retail customers. It requires the Public Utilities Commission to determine the method to be used by these utilities to estimate the cost of line extensions. It provides that make-ready work by these utilities may be charged to customers taking polyphase service but not to customers taking single-phase service; make-ready costs for single-phase service may be recoverable in rates.

LD 1264An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Public Buildings andVETOCreate JobsSUSTAINED

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BARTLETT	OTP-AM	S-244

This bill raises energy efficiency standards for public buildings and increases the ability of school units and counties to finance energy-related improvements in public buildings.

Part A raises efficiency standards for state-funded construction.

Part B raises efficiency standards for school construction, involves the Efficiency Maine Trust in the construction project approval process, gives school administrative units increased flexibility in contracting with energy service companies for energy efficiency, load management and distributed renewable energy improvements and makes school administrative units eligible for technical and other assistance from Efficiency Maine Trust in pursuing energy-related improvements.

Part C raises efficiency standards for county buildings and expands counties' ability to contract with energy service companies to achieve energy savings.

Part D raises efficiency standards for municipal buildings.

Part E applies the Maine Municipal Bond Bank's Efficiency Partners Program, which provides loans for efficiency upgrades to municipal and public school buildings, to renewable energy and load management projects.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-244)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill with the following.

Part A extends existing standards for energy savings design considerations to include cost-effective load management systems.

Part B adds consideration of cost-effective load management systems to existing standards for energy savings design considerations and targets for school construction projects and gives school administrative units increased flexibility in contracting with energy service companies for energy efficiency and load management improvements.

Part C expands counties' ability to contract with energy service companies to include load management systems.

Part D expands the Maine Municipal Bond Bank's Efficiency Partners Program, which provides loans for efficiency

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upgrades to municipal and public school buildings, to include load management projects and expands the bank's aggregation powers for nonprofits and municipalities to include the services of energy service companies and products vendors.

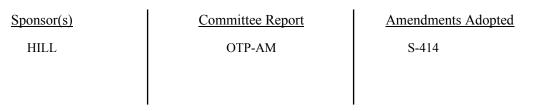
LD1264 was enacted by the Legislature during the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature and vetoed by the Governor. The veto was sustained by the Legislature on January 10, 2012.

LD 1614 An Act To Create Efficiency in E-9-1-1 Call Centers

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
THIBODEAU	ONTP	

This bill changes the goal of the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to establish a total of 16 to 24 public safety answering points to a requirement that the bureau establish a total of 15 to 17 public safety answering points. It requires the bureau to design the E-9-1-1 system to route a wireless E-9-1-1 call initiated more than one mile from the Interstate 95 or 295 corridor to the public safety answering point serving the municipality in which the tower receiving the call is located unless the bureau determines the wireless calls should be routed to a different public safety answering point. It requires the bureau to design the E-9-1-1 system to route a wireless E-9-1-1 call initiated one mile or less from the Interstate 95 or 295 corridor to the Department of Public Safety. This bill clarifies that municipalities may arrange for public safety answering point service through an agreement with another government entity and prohibits a contract to provide public safety answering point service from having a term of less than 5 years.

LD 1620 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District P & S 24



This bill modifies the charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District using portions of the Maine Sanitary District Enabling Act as a model, especially as it relates to the sinking fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-414)

This amendment modifies the charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District to bring it into compliance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 12 and affords the sewer district some powers granted to sanitary districts under the Maine Revised Statutes. The amendment:

1. Adds language that describes the procedure to be taken when a public utility crosses the property or line of a railroad corporation;

- 2. Clarifies how work done by the district must be carried out;
- 3. Sets out the procedures that the district must follow to borrow money and to issue bonds and notes;
- 4. Sets out the procedures for setting rates and tolls;