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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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*

This bill provides the requirement that payroll deductions for individual retirement accounts, simplified employee pension plans and tax-deferred arrangements for state employees must be transferred into the accounts within two business days of the deduction.

**LD 1492 An Act To Ensure Accountability in State Contracts**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-262 S-278 ALFOND

This bill requires any request for proposal or solicitation of a bid by the State for a contract for the provision of property, products or services by the state budget to include certain defining information and requires the information to be posted on the publicly accessible portion of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services website.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-262)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that the posting of information on the website of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services relates to contracts for purchases and not to contracts in a budget. It also moves the provision from the chapter on general provisions of finance to the chapter on purchases in the Maine Revised Statutes. It removes the language relating to posting information on the estimated cost of providing the products or services and the estimated number of employees required to fulfill the contract.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-278)**

This amendment provides that the collection and posting of information on the website of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services applies only to contracts that exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill died on the appropriations table on adjournment.

**LD 1499 An Act Concerning Fees for Users of County Registries of Deeds**

**PUBLIC 378  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA KATZ	OTP-AM	H-503 S-280 THOMAS

This bill allows county commissioners to consider the revenue needs of the county in establishing reasonable fees for copies and abstracts provided by the registry of deeds offices.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-503)**

The bill requires county commissioners to consider the revenue needs of the county in setting reasonable fees for making abstracts and copies from records. This amendment replaces that provision with a set charge of \$1 for paper copies and 50¢ for digital copies. These per page fees apply to all copies, including requests for bulk transfers of