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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

Planning in the Unorganized Territory. The commission consists of the 13 members, including the Commissioner of Conservation or the commissioner's designee, 4 members appointed by the Governor, 4 members appointed by the President of the Senate and 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the House. It requires the commission to meet with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than October 28, 2011 to provide an update on its progress and a final report no later than January 4, 2012. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 113 establishes the Commission on Reform of the Governance of Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory. The commission consists of the 13 members, including the Commissioner of Conservation or the commissioner's designee, 4 members appointed by the Governor, 4 members appointed by the President of the Senate and 4 members appointed by the Speaker of the House. The commission is charged with ensuring uniform standards across the unorganized territory for forest management and timber harvesting activities, wildlife habitat protection, and regulation under the Natural Resources Protection Act. The commission is directed to make recommendations on the role of state agencies and county government and opportunities for increased self-determination in land use planning in the unorganized territory.

It requires the commission to meet with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than October 28, 2011 to provide an update on its progress and a final report no later than January 4, 2012. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

LD 1568

An Act To Ensure Fair Business Competition in Agriculture

ONTP

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

LD 1568 prohibits a publicly funded nonprofit organization that receives at least 20% of its budget from federal or state funding, not including an educational institution, from engaging in an agricultural business, on a regular basis, that directly competes with a business that is not a publicly funded nonprofit organization.