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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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126th 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 126th Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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 27

An Act To Enable the Town of Livermore Falls To Withdraw from Androscoggin County and Join Franklin County

P & S 18

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-503 S-368 HILL

This bill authorizes the Town of Livermore Falls to withdraw from Androscoggin County and be annexed by Franklin County.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-503)

This amendment provides that Androscoggin County, as well as Franklin County, must vote on the annexation of the Town of Livermore Falls by Franklin County. The municipality petitioning to secede, Livermore Falls, bears the expense of the 2 countywide referenda as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2178.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-368)

This amendment adds a mandate preamble.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 18 authorizes the Town of Livermore Falls to withdraw from Androscoggin County and be annexed by Franklin County. It provides that Androscoggin County, as well as Franklin County, must vote on the annexation of the Town of Livermore Falls by Franklin County. The municipality petitioning to secede, Livermore Falls, bears the expense of the two countywide referenda as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2178.

LD 48

An Act To Streamline the Publication of Municipal Reports

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WALLACE CUSHING	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires municipal reports to be published in paper form and digitally on a publicly accessible site on the Internet. It also requires that requests for hard copies of a report be made at least 2 weeks prior to the printing date of the report.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-146)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and provides that the cost savings a municipality realizes from requiring requests for hard copies of the municipal report may be used to offset a municipality's costs for creation and maintenance of a publicly accessible website.