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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 126<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 126<sup>th</sup> 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology***

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 201: Provider of Last Resort Service Quality, a major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

The committee sent a letter to the Public Utilities Commission requesting the commission to meet with stakeholders to seek to develop modifications to the proposed rules that better address the various issues that stakeholders have raised.

**LD 60      An Act To Reduce the Number of Public Safety Answering Points      LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROCKI		

Current law requires the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to establish a total of between 16 and 24 public safety answering points. This bill reduces to 2 the total number of public safety answering points. This bill was withdrawn by the sponsor.

**LD 81      An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District      P & S 3 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILL MCGOWAN	OTP-AM	S-5

This bill resolves a conflict in the charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District created when the charter was amended by Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 24 to add language regarding sinking funds for the retirement of obligations made by the district, however, that private and special law did not repeal already existing language from 1963 regarding sinking funds. This bill resolves the conflict by repealing that 1963 provision.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law, chapter 3 resolves a conflict in the charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District created when the charter was amended by Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 24 to add language regarding sinking funds for the retirement of obligations made by the district, however, Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 24 did not repeal already existing language from 1963 regarding sinking funds. This law resolves the conflict by repealing that 1963 provision.

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 3 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2013.