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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND**  
**ENACTED LAWS**

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 211**

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Limitation on County Assessments**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON R THOMAS	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill changes the definition of "property growth factor," which is integral in the calculation of a county's annual assessment limitation, in the laws governing the limitation on county assessments. The revised definition uses state valuation data in determining the property growth factor rather than relying on municipal reporting of data based on the assessed valuation of real and personal property.

**LD 1152      Resolve, To Continue Consultation and Conditions Prerequisite to the Sale or Lease of Certain Real Property in Hallowell**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

Current law authorizes the State to sell or lease certain real property in the City of Hallowell and establishes conditions on the sale or transfer of the property. This resolve directs the State to enter into a lease to extend the current terms of School Administrative District 16 or any successor school administrative unit that includes the City of Hallowell as a tenant at the site through June 30, 2017. This resolve also specifies that a subgroup of stakeholders must be invited to participate in interviews of qualified developers and to participate in interviews with developers prior to the transfer of any portion of the site to a developer. This resolve also directs the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to provide a written report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on the status of all efforts toward the sale or transfer of the property.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-679)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It changes the title and strikes and replaces the resolve to clarify legislation regarding the sale or lease by the State of real estate located in the City of Hallowell.

Part A repeals all prior legislation governing the sale or lease of the Stevens School property located in the City of Hallowell.

It repeals the following:

1. Resolve 2003, chapter 92, Part A, which authorized the sale or lease of the Stevens School property located in the City of Hallowell and was repealed under its own terms on September 13, 2011;
2. Resolve 2009, chapter 102, which imposed conditions on the sale or transfer of property authorized by Resolve 2003, chapter 92, Part A;
3. Resolve 2011, chapter 70, Part B, which authorized the sale or lease of the Stevens School property located in the City of Hallowell, without mention of conditions, and which is to be repealed under its own terms on September