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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 Education and Cultural Affairs*

The resolve also requires the department to present a report describing the implementation of the changes to the rule, including the effect of these changes on relevant stakeholders, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs not later than January 10, 2014.

Finally, the resolve requires the department to develop nonregulatory guidance regarding the amendments to the rule so that teachers and administrators have accurate information regarding these revised requirements. The department is required to submit a report detailing its guidance and related training efforts to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs before the end of the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

Resolve 2013, chapter 8 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 15, 2013.

**LD 244      An Act To Amend the Student Membership Criteria of the State Board of Education      PUBLIC 15 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT DAUGHTRY	OTP	

This bill changes the criteria for the student members of the State Board of Education. Current law requires a student to reside in the congressional district that the student represents at the time of appointment. This bill requires the student to attend school in the congressional district the student represents at the time of appointment.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 15 changes the criteria for the student members of the State Board of Education. The law requires a student to reside to attend school in the congressional district the student represents at the time of appointment.

Public Law 2013, chapter 15 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 8, 2013.

**LD 299      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine      ONTP**  
**To Require the State Share of Education Funding To Be at Least Fifty-five Percent of the Total Cost and One Hundred Percent of the Cost of Special Education**

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require the Legislature to appropriate sufficient state funds to cover at least 55% of the total state and local cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and 100% of the state and local costs of special education as approved pursuant to citizen-initiated legislation in 2004.