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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

Capitol Park. The amendment requires that the plan be consistent with the plan for Capitol Park developed by the Olmsted Brothers firm in 1920, as revised, and be subject to available funding.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 153 directs the State House and Capitol Park Commission to arrange for and implement a plan to incorporate food-producing landscaping into a portion of Capitol Park. It requires that the plan be consistent with the plan for Capitol Park developed by the Olmsted Brothers firm in 1920, as revised, and be subject to available funding.

LD 489 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Increase the Lengths of Terms of Members of the Legislature** **DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to increase the length of the terms of State Senators and members of the House of Representatives from two years to four years beginning in 2016.

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and incorporates a fiscal note.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-390)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The resolution proposes to increase the length of terms of members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives from two years to four years. The amendment also proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to limit the number of consecutive terms members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives may serve from four terms to two terms. The amendment changes the referendum question to reflect the changes proposed in this amendment.

LD 490 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Limit a Governor's Pension to Governors Who Have Served 2 Full
Terms** **ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	ONTP OTP	

This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to provide that a Governor who leaves office after January 1, 2012 or the spouse of a Governor who leaves office after January 1, 2012 does not qualify for a retirement allowance based on the Governor's service unless the Governor served at least two full terms as Governor.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-49)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and incorporates a fiscal note.