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



Summaries of bills, amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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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 Judiciary*

**LD 495**      **An Act Regarding the Law Pertaining to the Confidentiality of  
Enhanced 9-1-1 System Information and Records**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill amends the law pertaining to the confidentiality of information and records of the E-9-1-1 system. The bill:

1. Clarifies the types of agencies that are subject to the current law governing the confidentiality of E-9-1-1 system information and records;
2. Defines the term "information or records declared to be confidential under other law" by providing that the term includes, but is not limited to, information or records that relate to a pending law enforcement investigation or a pending criminal prosecution;
3. Ensures that transcripts of E-9-1-1 call recordings may be accurately prepared;
4. Clarifies the types of disclosures of confidential information and records that are prohibited under the law; and
5. Clarifies actions that constitute a violation of E-9-1-1 confidentiality requirements.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-151)**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. It changes the penalty for intentionally releasing confidential information from a Class E crime to a civil violation.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 503**      **An Act To Amend the Limited Liability Company Laws**

**PUBLIC 58  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO PRIEST	OTP-AM	S-22

This bill changes the requirements for the name of a limited liability company that is filing an assumed name or registering a name of a foreign limited liability company to make the provision consistent with the other entity filing laws.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-22)**

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

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 58 changes the requirements for the name of a limited liability company that is filing an assumed name or registering a name of a foreign limited liability company to make the provision consistent with the other entity filing laws. Public Law 2013, chapter 424 (LD 1536, the Errors Bill), Part C, Section 2