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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 Education and Cultural Affairs*

**LD 531**      **An Act To Allow Students To Audit Classes at University of Maine System Campuses**

**ONTP**

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

This bill requires the University of Maine System to permit students to audit a class if space is available in the class. The university is required to charge a fee from \$50 to \$250 for auditing a class, and the student must pay the cost of materials and related fees for the class. An auditing student does not receive credit or grades for the class.

The committee sent a letter to the University of Maine System requesting that it seek to further expand its auditing programs to address the overall purposes of this bill; the letter requests a report to the committee in the Second Regular Session on actions taken by the university.

**LD 532**      **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Library**

**PUBLIC 82**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C LACHOWICZ	OTP-AM	H-73

This bill updates and modifies laws governing the Maine State Library.

1. It updates language regarding library hours and the taking of books.
2. It slightly modifies language regarding the relationship between the Department of Education's school library media section and the State Librarian: current law indicates that the department maintains the media section in cooperation with the State Librarian; the bill provides that the Librarian shall assist the media section in carrying on its activities.
3. It removes maintaining and providing a video tape library from the list of activities that the Department of Education must perform in its school library media section and adds to the list maintaining and providing an electronic library service and database library.
4. It repeals the provision of law that authorizes the State Librarian to provide bookmobile service.
5. It updates a provision of law relating to the State Librarian to make it gender neutral.
6. It decreases the amount of town histories or other books concerning the history of the State that the State Librarian must purchase from 25 copies to 2 copies. It also repeals the provision that requires the State Librarian to distribute the histories to school, state, institutional and public libraries, and it repeals the provision that allows the State Librarian to sell any surplus of the histories.
7. It repeals the provision of law that requires the State Librarian to make a gift of money or provide books to a municipality that is establishing a free library.
8. It provides that the State Librarian, rather than the Commissioner of the Department of Education, may designate research centers.