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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 636 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Public Higher Educational Facilities CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN TIPPING-SPITZ		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to provide funds to renovate, make health and safety repairs and ensure compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 713 An Act To Return Local Revenue Sharing to Full Funding CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ BLACK		

This bill establishes a plan to return the state-municipal revenue-sharing program to full funding over a 3-year period and replace the arbitrary fixed-dollar reductions used to reduce funding for local governments and balance the General Fund budget. This plan is intended to replace fixed-dollar reductions to this program and provide some long-term certainty in this revenue source for local governments.

The phased-in return to full 5% funding of the state-municipal revenue sharing starts with a transfer to the Local Government Fund of 3.5% of the revenue-sharing tax revenue collected during fiscal year 2013-14 and increases to 4% of revenue collected in fiscal year 2014-15 and finally to 5% of the revenue collected in fiscal year 2015-16 and thereafter. A portion of the transfers to the Local Government Fund are transferred each month to the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund according to a scheduled phased-in increase to the percentage share. The Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund's share of total state-municipal revenue-sharing program distribution is unchanged from the current law.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 781 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Construction of a New State Archives Facility CARRIED OVER

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the construction of a new Maine State Archives facility to provide up-to-date storage space.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).