

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL  
SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS**



Summaries of All Bills and Adopted Amendments and All Laws Enacted or Finally  
Passed During the First Special Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature

First Special Session convened Thursday, August 29, 2013  
First Special Session adjourned sine die Thursday, August 29, 2013

Legislative Days ..... 1  
Bills Considered ..... 6

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The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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

Legislation enacted in the First Special Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature was either an emergency measure or a General Fund bond proposal subject to voter approval.

*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 636 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in the Maine Community College System**

**PUBLIC 431**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN TIPPING-SPITZ	OTP-AM	S-371

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$100,000,000 to 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.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-371)**

This amendment strikes the bill and instead authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$15,500,000 to be used for the construction, renovation and upgrade of buildings that house laboratories, classrooms and related offices on the 7 campuses of the Maine Community College System.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 431 authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$15,500,000 to be used for the construction, renovation and upgrade of buildings that house laboratories, classrooms and related offices on the 7 campuses of the Maine Community College System.

This bond issue was approved by the voters in the statewide election held in November 2013.

**LD 782 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Nursing Education To Enhance Economic Development**

**PUBLIC 430**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDONALD W	OTP-AM	H-584

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$50,000,000 to be used to expand necessary capital improvements in the critical disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the University of Maine System.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-584)**

This amendment reduces the amount of the bond issue provided in the bill and provides for a bond issue in the amount of \$15,500,000 to be used for the renovation and upgrade of laboratories and other facilities related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics and nursing and to support geographic information system technology applications in forestry on the campuses of the University of Maine System.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 430 authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$15,500,000 to be used for the renovation and upgrade of laboratories and other facilities related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics and nursing and to support geographic information system technology applications in forestry on the campuses of the University

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of Maine System.

This bond issue was approved by the voters in the statewide election held in November 2013.

**LD 1095      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways,      PUBLIC 429**  
**Bridges and Multimodal Facilities**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLOOD THERIAULT	OTP-AM	S-373

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

The bill authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$100,000,000 to be used for reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation and transit, matching an estimated \$154,000,000 in federal and other funds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-373)**

This amendment provides for a bond issue in the amount of \$100,000,000 to be used for transportation projects, such as for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation and transit, matching an estimated \$154,000,000 in federal and other funds.

This amendment decreases the amount of the bonds provided for in the bill for highway and bridge projects but maintains the total bonding of \$100,000,000 by increasing the bond amounts for intermodal improvements.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 429 authorizes a bond issue in the amount of \$100,000,000 to be used for transportation projects, such as the reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation and transit, matching an estimated \$154,000,000 in federal and other funds.

This bond issue was approved by the voters in the statewide election held in November 2013.

**LD 1515      An Act To Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services      PUBLIC 434**  
**EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MALABY	OTP-AM	H-585

In the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, this bill was referred to and reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, then removed from the Special Appropriations Table and committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to the next Special or Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to:

1. Under certain circumstances, transfer an adult jail inmate to a correctional facility for the purpose of providing the inmate with mental health services;