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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 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

LD 921 **Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Improve Public Access to Campaign Finance Information** **ONTP**

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

This resolve requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to make readily available a list of all publicly available campaign finance information for a candidate on the commission's publicly accessible website, including all sources of campaign funds for the candidate and all campaign expenditures made on the candidate's behalf by a third party.

LD 922 **An Act Regarding the Requirement That an Address Be Provided in Disclaimers on Political Radio Advertisements** **PUBLIC 362**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOONEN	OTP-AM	H-403

This bill removes the requirement that a disclaimer on a political communication provide the address of the candidate, political committee or person who financed the communication if the communication is broadcast by radio.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-403)

This amendment provides that only the city and state of the address of the person that financed the communication needs to be stated on political communications that are broadcast by radio. The bill proposes to remove all address requirements for political communications broadcast by radio.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 362 provides that when a political communication is made by radio, only the city and state of the address of the person who financed the communication is required to be stated as part of the disclaimer. For other political communications, such as print or television communications, the full address of the person who finance the communication is required.

LD 923 **An Act To Require Write-in Candidates To Be Listed on the Ballot Tabulation Report** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS GRATWICK	ONTP	

The bill requires the Secretary of State to include in the tabulation and printing of election results the votes for any declared or undeclared write-in candidates.