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



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 State and Local Government**

Androscoggin County to make the changes to the charter that would have been voted on in November without incurring the expenses of another countywide vote.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 62 allows the board of county commissioners of Androscoggin County to make specific changes to the county charter. In November 2012 changes to the Androscoggin County charter were presented to the voters at a countywide vote and accepted by the voters of Androscoggin County pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 1324. After the charter was filed with the Secretary of State, it was realized that the wrong charter had been voted on; the changes included in this amendment were the intent of the charter commission and were presented by the county charter members at public presentations and at a county commission meeting. Resolve 2013, chapter 62 allows the board of county commissioners of Androscoggin County to make the changes to the charter that would have been voted on in November without incurring the expenses of another countywide vote.

**LD 1122 An Act Allowing Municipalities To Enact Firearms Policies in Local Government Buildings**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MOONEN            | ONTP<br>OTP             |                           |

This bill provides a municipal legislative body with the authority to adopt an ordinance that restricts the carrying of firearms in the municipality's essential municipal offices and places of legislative assembly just as the State imposes those restrictions in its capitol area. It requires a municipality, if the legislative body of that municipality adopts an ordinance that restricts the carrying of firearms in that municipality's essential municipal offices or places of legislative assembly, to post in a prominent location outside the affected offices and places a notice of the existence of that restriction.

**LD 1127 An Act To Establish Hospital Administrative District No. 5, a Regional Hospital Administrative District in Lincoln County**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>        | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MACDONALD W<br>JOHNSON C | ONTP<br>OTP-AM          |                           |

This bill authorizes the voters of the Town of Boothbay, the Town of Boothbay Harbor, the Town of Edgecomb and the Town of Southport to hold a referendum to establish Hospital Administrative District No. 5, a regional hospital administrative district in Lincoln County. The vote of the towns must take place at town meetings and the Town of Boothbay, the Town of Boothbay Harbor and at least one other town must approve the district by June 30, 2013 in order to establish the district.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and makes the following changes to the bill, which establishes Hospital Administrative District No. 5, a regional hospital administrative district in Lincoln County.

1. The amendment removes the requirement that the district initially operate a hospital and provide health care services from the existing St. Andrews Hospital and Healthcare Center campus and instead provides authorization to