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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 State and Local Government

**LD 1378 Resolve, Authorizing the Sale of the Guy P. Gannett House in Augusta
for Use as a Museum**

RESOLVE 50

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| KATZ POULIOT | OTP-AM | S-174 |

This resolve authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell "as is" at the current market value the State's interests in real estate located at 184 State Street in the City of Augusta, Maine and known as the Guy P. Gannett House to the Gannett House Project, a nonprofit organization, solely for use as a museum. It also requires that any change of use of the property must be approved by the commissioner and that if the Gannett House Project chooses to eventually sell the property, it must first offer the property at current market value to the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-174)

This amendment provides that the property at 184 State Street in the City of Augusta may be sold and eliminates the requirement that it be sold to the Gannett House Project but retains the requirement that it be sold for use as a museum. The amendment also provides that the resolve constitutes a change to the 2001 Capitol Planning Commission master plan. The amendment also requires that any proceeds from the sale of this property must be deposited in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' capital repair and improvement account.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 50 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell "as is" at the current market value the State's interests in real estate located at 184 State Street in the City of Augusta, Maine and known as the Guy P. Gannett House for use as a museum. It requires that any proceeds from the sale of this property must be deposited in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' capital repair and improvement account. If the buyer of the property chooses to sell the Guy P. Gannett House, the real estate must first be offered to the Commissioner for purchase at the current market value and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters must be notified. Resolve 2013, chapter 50 constitutes a change to the 2001 Capitol Planning Commission master plan.

**LD 1405 An Act To Repeal the Laws Establishing the Cumberland County
Recreation Center and Transfer Authority to Cumberland County**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| VILLA GERZOFKY | ONTP | |

This bill repeals Private and Special Law 1971, chapter 86, which established the Cumberland County Recreation Center to establish and operate the Cumberland County Civic Center, and transfers the rights and responsibilities to Cumberland County.

**LD 1408 An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Secession by a Municipality
from a County**

**PUBLIC 210
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| KNIGHT LACHOWICZ | OTP-AM | H-197 |