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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 Energy, Utilities and Technology*

**LD 1532 An Act To Provide Model Language for Standard Sewer District Charters**

**CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill creates a model standard sewer district charter in statute. It includes standard language for the common provisions included in a sewer district charter. It also includes the mandatory requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 12, except the requirement that a new sewer district be formed under the Sanitary District Enabling Act and that a proposed amendment to extend the boundaries of a sewer district be approved by referendum before the amendment is presented to the Legislature.

This bill repeals Title 38, chapter 12. The bill also fixes cross-references.

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 1537 An Act To Promote the Delivery of Natural Gas to Central Maine**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

FREDETTE

ONTP

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to promote the delivery of natural gas to the central Maine region.

**LD 1553 An Act To Maintain Competition among Electricity Suppliers Serving Northern Maine**

**PUBLIC 346**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

JACKSON T  
WILLETTE

OTP

This bill provides that the limitations on how much electricity an affiliated competitive provider may sell within the service territory of the distribution utility with which it is affiliated do not apply to competitive electricity service or standard-offer service in the service territory or any portion of the service territory of a distribution utility that is located in an area administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine unless the Public Utilities Commission finds that the level of competitive electricity service and standard-offer service competition in the area administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine is substantially similar to the level of competitive electricity service and standard-offer service competition in the area of the State that is within the New England independent system operator control area.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 346 provides that the limitations on how much electricity an affiliated competitive provider may sell within the service territory of the distribution utility with which it is affiliated do not apply to competitive electricity service or standard-offer service in the service territory or any portion of the service territory of a distribution utility that is located in an area administered by the independent system administrator for northern