

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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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GOVERNMENT**

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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*

**LD 1547    An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers**

**CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)

EVES  
COLLINS

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill authorizes municipalities to provide benefits of up to \$750 for persons who serve as volunteer firefighters or volunteer emergency medical services' personnel.

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 1557    An Act To Reapportion the Districts of the State Senate, State House of Representatives and County Commissioners**

**PUBLIC 270**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

H-337    MCCABE

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This bill is the unanimous report of the commission established to reapportion the districts of the Legislature pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A. This bill repeals the provisions of law that establish the Maine Senate districts and House of Representative districts on December 3, 2014 to correspond with the convening of the 127th Legislature and establishes the districts for the Maine Senate and the Maine House of Representatives for elections to the 127th Legislature and subsequent Legislatures. Part C of this bill repeals the section of law that establishes the county commissioner districts and establishes new county commissioner districts.

**House Amendment "A" (H-337)**

This amendment corrects erroneous county designations for certain House Districts and makes other technical changes to reflect the proper names of areas in the unorganized territory. This amendment also adjusts the expiration of terms for certain county commissioners to ensure that the terms remain staggered.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 270 reapportions the districts of the Legislature pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A. It repeals the provisions of law that establish the Maine Senate districts and House of Representative districts on December 3, 2014 to correspond with the convening of the 127th Legislature and establishes the districts for the Maine Senate and the Maine House of Representatives for elections to the 127th Legislature and subsequent Legislatures.

Public Law 2013, chapter 270 repeals the section of law that establishes the county commissioner districts, establishes new county commissioner districts and adjusts the expiration of terms for certain county commissioners to ensure that the terms remain staggered.