

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

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



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS  
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

May 2014

**MEMBERS:**

SEN. JOHN L. TUTTLE, JR., CHAIR  
SEN. JOHN L. PATRICK  
SEN. GARRETT PAUL MASON

REP. LOUIS J. LUCHINI, CHAIR  
REP. DIANE RUSSELL  
REP. THOMAS R. W. LONGSTAFF  
REP. LORI FOWLE  
REP. ROBERT J. SAUCIER  
REP. JOHN C. SCHNECK  
REP. MICHAEL G. BEAULIEU  
REP. BETH P. TURNER\*  
REP. JEFFREY ALLEN GIFFORD  
REP. JONATHAN L. KINNEY  
REP. WAYNE T. MITCHELL

**STAFF:**

DANIELLE D. FOX, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
COLLEEN MCCARTHY REID, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS  
13 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333  
(207) 287-1670

\*Committee member for the duration of the absence of Rep. David D. Johnson.

**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND**  
**ENACTED LAWS**

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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*

Secretary of State that the municipality intends to process absentee ballots prior to election day.

- 5. It repeals the requirement that referendum ballots be printed on paper of a distinctive color.
- 6. It corrects a number of typographical and other errors in the laws that reapportion the State Senate, State House and County Commissioner districts, including a boundary description of a State House District.
- 7. It makes the 2013 apportionment law consistent with the provisions of the Androscoggin County Charter.

Public Law 2013, chapter 457 was enacted as an emergency measure and took effect on March 11, 2014.

**LD 1631**

**An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate**

**Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM ONTP	S-446

This bill amends the laws regarding limitations on campaign contributions and expenditures to clarify that any expenditure made by a person who has been affiliated with a campaign, regardless of whether the person has been paid or the actual duties the person has performed, or by a person who has received compensation from the campaign is considered a contribution to the candidate.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-446)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It strikes the bill and amends the laws regarding limitations on campaign contributions and expenditures to clarify that any expenditures made by a key person who has been affiliated with a campaign in the last 120 days, regardless of whether the person has been paid or the actual duties the person has performed, or by a person who has received compensation from the campaign, are a contribution to the candidate. The amendment clarifies that the value of services provided by an individual without compensation are excluded in the definition of "expenditures." It also specifies categories of persons who are affiliated with a candidate's campaign for purposes of this provision. The amendment incorporates the term "agent" into the definition of "key person affiliated with the candidate's campaign" and thereby preserves the provision in existing law that designates expenditures by a candidate's agent as contributions to the candidate. The amendment also strikes the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill.

**LD 1632      Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and  
Emergency Management To Request the Federal Government To  
Recognize Environmental Hazards at the Military Training Center in  
Gagetown, New Brunswick and the Resulting Health Risks and  
Disabilities Suffered by Certain Members of the Maine National Guard**

**RESOLVE 100**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE LONGSTAFF	OTP-AM	S-421

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to request the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to recognize the environmental hazards present at the 5th Canadian Division Support Base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada, and the resulting potential health risks and disabilities to veterans who, as members of the Maine National Guard, trained in partnership with Canadian military forces in Gagetown. The resolve requires the commissioner to report on the status of the request to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans and legal affairs by January 10, 2015.