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126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND 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

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 126th 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 Taxation

LD 1813 An Act To Hold an Advisory Referendum on Tax Reform

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

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

This bill directs the Secretary of State to hold an advisory referendum at a statewide election in June to determine whether the voters of the State favor lowering income tax rates, implementing alternative taxes and reducing overall tax revenues and government spending by at least \$100,000,000 in order to make Maine more economically competitive and improve the job creation environment. If the voters approve the advisory referendum question, the Governor is required to direct the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to include in the biennial budget for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 submitted to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature proposals to lower the income tax rates, implement alternative taxes and reduce overall tax revenues and government spending by at least \$100,000,000.

LD 1839 An Act To Increase the Deduction for Pension Income

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT	ONTP OTP-AM	H-801

This bill increases the maximum Maine individual income tax pension deduction amount from \$10,000 to \$30,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-801)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, increases the maximum Maine individual income tax pension deduction amount from \$10,000 to \$15,000 beginning in 2015, \$20,000 beginning in 2017, \$25,000 beginning in 2019 and \$30,000 beginning in 2021.

This bill was placed on the Special Appropriations Table and died on adjournment.