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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 129<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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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*

This bill establishes the Substance Use Disorders Cabinet. The cabinet consists of the commissioners from several executive branch agencies, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and, at the discretion of the Governor, one member of the public. The cabinet is established to promote interdepartmental collaboration on substance use disorders policy development and program implementation and to support service delivery in an integrated manner.

**LD 744      Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Convey the Interests in Certain Real Property Located in East Millinocket      RESOLVE 76**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S	OTP-AM	H-489

This resolve authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to lease or sell the state property known as "the Dolby Landfill" located in the Town of East Millinocket.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-489)**

This amendment gives the Town of East Millinocket the right of first refusal to purchase the state property at the broker's opinion of value. It clarifies that the State does not own the timber rights to the property and removes the lease option.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 76 permits the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to sell all or part of the property located in the Town of East Millinocket conveyed to the State by Katahdin Paper Company LLC on September 28, 2011 and recorded in the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds, Book 12608, Page 97-104. It gives the Town of East Millinocket the right of first refusal to purchase the state property at the broker opinion of value. Any proceeds from the sale must be deposited into the Department's Bureau of General Services' capital repair and improvement account for capital improvements. The resolve is repealed 5 years from its effective date.

**LD 746      An Act To Allow Municipalities To Determine the Duration of Development Districts Funded by Assessments      PUBLIC 140**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JORGENSEN E LIBBY N	OTP	

This bill repeals the 30-year limit on the duration of a development district created by a municipality or plantation and funded by assessments. Development districts that are a tax increment financing district remain subject to the 30-year limitation.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 140 permits a development district established by a municipality or plantation and funded by assessments to be of unlimited duration unless a limitation on duration is established by the legislative body of the municipality or plantation adopting the development district.