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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 129th 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 129th 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 amends the laws governing growth management programs to require that a municipality or multimunicipal region ensure that the language and requirements in charters, ordinances, policies, codes, regulations, bylaws and documents setting out or assessing fees align with each other and meet the overall intent of a comprehensive plan approved by the municipality or multimunicipal region. It also amends the law to encourage the consideration of economic effects by municipalities in their planning.

LD 1393

An Act To Change the Requirements for Recording Plans at the County Registries of Deeds

PUBLIC 439

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HIGGINS N DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-291

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing recording plans in a registry of deeds.

1. It reduces the minimum paper size for plans.
2. It requires that plans be submitted on white 20-pound paper.
3. It specifies that paper plans be rolled and not folded.
4. It authorizes the register of deeds to return plans that are not legible for recording and archival purposes and the processing of which may damage county equipment or resources.
5. It specifies the size of the block that the register uses to record certain information.
6. It changes the requirements for the handling of originals and copies by the register.
7. It requires each plan be microfilmed for archival purposes.
8. It eliminates the requirement for a register to establish standards for making copies of original plans.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-291)

This amendment sets the 20-pound weight for paper as the minimum weight for recording plans at the county registries of deeds. The amendment requires that a digital image be at least 300 dots per inch or 300 pixels per inch. The amendment retains the last paragraph of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, section 652 in current law, which regards standards for the reproduction of copies.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 439 requires plans recorded with the registry of deeds and dated on or after January 1, 2020, be submitted on white paper with a minimum weight of 20 pounds. It requires that the plans be rolled and not folded. It requires the registry of deeds create a digital image of such plans at a minimum of 300 dots per inch or 300 pixels per inch and maintain a copy of public inspection in paper or digital image form. It requires each plan be microfilmed for archival purposes.