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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature’s webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. 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 and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature is Thursday, June 29, 2023 and Wednesday, October 25, 2023, respectively. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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LD 23 An Act to Limit Public Access to or Dissemination of Electronic Citation and Electronic Warning Information

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 55 provides that personally identifying information, including an individual's name, residential and mailing addresses, date of birth, driver's license number and vehicle registration number, located within the electronic citation or electronic warning databases maintained, administered or contributed to by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, is confidential. This confidentiality provision does not prevent a law enforcement officer from sharing personally identifying information in these databases with another criminal justice agency, serving the Violation Summons and Complaint on the person charged with having committed the traffic infraction or transmitting the electronic Violation Summons and Complaint to the violations bureau of the District Court. Moreover, public access to violations bureau court records, including personally identifying information contained in a Violation Summons and Complaint, is governed by the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80F.

LD 45 An Act to Prevent Retaliatory Evictions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 272 creates two additional bases under which there is a presumption of retaliation in an action of forcible entry and detainer when, within six months prior to the commencement of the action, a tenant asserts certain rights: first, when the tenant has asserted the tenant's rights pursuant to the law requiring notice of a rent increase; and second, when the tenant has asserted the tenant's rights under the law prohibiting a rent increase for a dwelling unit that is in violation of the warranty of habitability.

LD 78 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 1 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that all of the provisions of the Constitution, including the text of Article X, Sections 1, 2 and 5, be included in any printed copies of the Constitution prefixed to the laws of the State.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 1 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.