

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
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSION



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

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

October 2023

STAFF:

RACHEL OLSON, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
LYNNE CASWELL, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670
<http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>

MEMBERS:

SEN. CRAIG V. HICKMAN, CHAIR
SEN. STACY F. BRENNER
SEN. JEFFREY L. TIMBERLAKE

REP. LAURA D. SUPICA, CHAIR
REP. MORGAN J. RIELLY
REP. BENJAMIN T. COLLINGS
REP. MARC G. MALON, II
REP. KAREN L. MONTELL
REP. JOHN ANDREWS
REP. DAVID W. BOYER, JR.
REP. BENJAMIN C. HYMES
REP. SHELLEY RUDNICKI
REP. WALTER N. RISEMAN

STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



**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.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

5. It establishes the criteria for the suspension or revocation of a permit for a cannabis store to conduct sales at a specified event.
6. It provides criteria for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' approval or denial of a permit application for cannabis stores to conduct sales at a specified event.
7. It repeals the department's rule-making authority regarding specified events which is provided for under the department's general rule-making authority under this chapter.
8. It amends the requirement that the department issue guidance documents to cannabis stores.

LD 230 Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 45 requires the Adjutant General to sell a parcel of land to the City of Hallowell, by June 30, 2024, for \$40,000 to be paid by the city in 10 equal annual installments. The sale price is less than the appraised value because the appraisal did not account for upkeep to the property made by the city over several years and assumed the highest and best use of the property for residential development. The city plans to use this property for public recreational purposes.

LD 233 An Act to Ensure Efficiency in the Review of Petitions by the Secretary of State by Clarifying Deadlines Related to Those Petitions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 342 requires the Secretary of State to determine the validity of certain petitions within 30 business days of the date of filing of the petition, except for petitions that are filed in an even-numbered general election year within 30 calendar days before or 30 calendar days after the general election. In those cases, the Secretary of State is required to determine the validity within 30 business days after the 30th calendar day following the general election.

LD 247 An Act Regarding Replacement Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 211 establishes the beginning of the qualifying period for any replacement candidate who wishes to qualify as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate as when the Secretary of State receives a notice of withdrawal or declares a vacancy, whichever occurs first. It requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to establish, by routine technical rule, a procedure to establish the end date for the qualifying period for a replacement candidate. It also requires the commission to establish, by routine technical rule, procedures for