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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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certification, disbursement of Maine Clean Election Fund revenues and return of unspent fund revenues for races involving vacancies, withdrawals or replacement candidates. The rules must provide that qualifying contributions collected by a replacement candidate may not be deposited into the Maine Clean Election Fund until the replacement candidate is nominated and that if the replacement candidate is not officially nominated, the commission must return the qualifying contributions to the contributors, unless the contributor authorizes the deposit of the qualifying contribution into the fund.

LD 255 An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reports

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 273 changes the election law that requires all candidates for state or county office other than Governor to file a campaign finance report on the 42nd day before a general election to instead require the report to be filed on the 42nd day before any election. A municipal candidate must file a report 42 days before an election only if required by the candidate's municipality. A candidate participating in the Maine Clean Election Act program is exempt from the requirement to file a report on the 42nd day before a primary election.

LD 311 An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness Racing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 51 delays the repeal of the law governing the sale of pari-mutuel pools and common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026.

Public Law 2023, chapter 51 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2023.

LD 391 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 21 authorizes final adoption of portions of rule Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and portions of rule Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, major substantive rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, subject to the removal of the changes in rule Chapter 3 governing when the qualifying period for replacement candidates begins and ends.

Resolve 2023, chapter 21 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2023.