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

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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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.

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### **LD 884 Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 55 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to complete a study of the creation of a state employee and legislative child care center. The study must be done within existing resources and a report must be submitted, by October 1, 2024, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

### **LD 893 An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 148 provides that, by October 1, 2023, and by October 1st of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the Hancock County legislative delegation must select, by majority vote, a member of the delegation to serve on the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee for a period of 2 years. If the selected member resigns from the Legislature or the budget advisory committee prior to the expiration of the 2-year term, the delegation may select another member to fulfill the remaining term of office. The delegation may also replace its selected member by a 2/3 vote of the delegation.

Public Law 2023, chapter 148 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2023.

### **LD 917 An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 10 validates the referendum conducted in the City of Rockland on November 8, 2022. It authorizes the City of Rockland to enter into contracts and issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 to finance roads and sidewalk improvements, \$2,400,000 to finance the permanent closure of the city landfill and \$15,000,000 to finance storm water projects, plus up to 2% for costs of issuance.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 10 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.