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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.

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### **LD 1007 An Act to Ban the Video Hosting Service TikTok on All State-owned Devices**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 385 bans TikTok on computers or other electronic devices owned or controlled by any branch of State Government, unless access is necessary for life, health, safety or investigative purposes in accordance with agency policy.

Public Law 2023, chapter 385 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 6, 2023.

### **LD 1029 Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the United States**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 126 establishes the 15-member Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States and the nonlapsing Maine Semiquincentennial Fund. Commission members serve until December 31, 2026 and may receive reimbursement for necessary expenses related to the performance of the member's duties on the commission. The fund terminates on December 31, 2027 with any unexpended balance in the fund being transferred to the General Fund.

The resolve requires the Secretary of State to administer the fund; chair the commission; appoint five members of the commission to constitute an executive committee; and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than December 1, 2023. The Secretary of State also has authority to employ staff to serve the commission; with advice from the commission, appoint honorary members to the commission; establish an advisory council composed of people who are especially interested in the celebration of the United States Semiquincentennial; and request additional appropriations from the Legislature for necessary expenses of the commission.

The commission is directed to develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States through educational and historical events, activities and programs throughout the State. The Commission must submit an annual report on its activities to the Governor and the Legislature. All state agencies and political subdivisions of the State are required to cooperate with the commission and may grant funds, property and services to the commission to carry out the purposes of this resolve. The Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House serve as ex officio members of the commission.