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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 985 Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 117 provides one-time funding from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account, in the amount of \$2,600,000, to fund ongoing operations of Maine Veterans' Homes.

LD 1012 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to change the time period for judicial review of the validity of written petitions from within 100 days from the date of filing to within 100 business days from the date of filing unless the petition is filed within 30 calendar days before or after a general election, in which case the judicial review must be completed within 100 business days after the 30th calendar day following that general election.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.

LD 1022 An Act to Extend the Time Allowed Between a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting and a Budget Validation Referendum

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 256 extends the period of time allowed between a regional school unit budget meeting and the budget referendum from on or before the 30th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting to on or before the 45th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting.

LD 1066 An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 103 allows a restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge licensed by the State to sell wine on the premises to allow a person who has purchased a full meal to provide a bottle of wine to consume on the premises. A restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge may charge a fee, not to exceed \$100 per bottle. The person may remove and transport the partially consumed bottle of wine in a manner consistent with the provisions of law