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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 Second Regular Session 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 Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. 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 1233 An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 677 changes the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission from an advisory board under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I to an independent advisory board under Title 5, section 12004-J. It also makes the following changes to the commission in Title 13, section 1374.

1. It changes the duties of the commission from optional to mandatory.
2. It requires the commission to investigate complaints of violations of laws governing burying grounds and cemeteries reported to the commission.
3. It permits the commission to hire an executive director to carry out the functions of the commission and authorizes the executive director to hire additional staff as needed.
4. It requires the commission to develop a budget for each year and include the budget, income and expenses and details of the commission's activities in a report due to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by December 15th of each year.
5. It establishes the Cemetery Preservation Commission Fund for use by the commission to accomplish the duties of the commission.

The Department of Health and Human Services is required to amend its rules to increase the fee for a burial-transit permit by \$5 and the State Controller is required to deposit this amount into the fund, on a quarterly basis.

### **LD 1948 An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 581 makes the following changes to the law governing the data governance program for State Government under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 547.

1. It replaces references to the Chief Information Officer with references to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee.