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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 1687 An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 471 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to review the Office of Information Technology, the Office of Geographic Information Systems and the Maine Library of Geographic Information to determine whether the current organizational structure of these three entities provides state agencies, the Legislature and the public with relevant, up-to-date information in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

### **LD 1704 An Act Regarding Incarcerated Individuals and Legislative Apportionment**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 373 makes the following changes for purposes of apportionment pursuant to the Maine Constitution and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 15.

1. It requires that a person who resides in a correction facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, excluding county and municipal detention facilities and facilities used to house county prisoners, at the time of the Federal Decennial Census, must be counted by the Legislative Apportionment Commission as residing at the person's residential address immediately prior to incarceration, if such an address is contained in the records of the Department of Corrections.
2. It requires that the Department of Corrections provide to the Legislative Apportionment Commission, within 30 days of the first meeting of the commission, the preincarceration address and other demographic data of persons incarcerated in a correctional facility as of the date of the most recent Federal Decennial Census to the extent the Department possesses or has access to such data.

### **LD 1821 An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 9 validates the referendum conducted in the City of Bath on November 8, 2022. It authorizes the City of Bath to enter into contracts and issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$13,050,000 to finance the construction and equipping of a new fire station.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2023.