

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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131<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



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

**BILLS NOT REFERRED TO OR REPORTED BY A  
COMMITTEE**

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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.

## BILLS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

### **LD 2008 Resolve, to Remove the Prohibition Against Live Plants in State-owned Buildings**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 85 was finally passed without reference to a Committee.

Resolve 2023, chapter 85 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to amend its rules to allow live plants in state-owned buildings unless the plants develop mold or bacteria or are contributing to an insect infestation.

### **LD 2015 Resolve, Approving the 2023 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve, 2023, chapter 86 was finally passed without reference to committee.

Pursuant to Article X, Section 6 of the Constitution of Maine, through the passage of Resolve 2023, chapter 86, the Legislature approves the 2023 draft and arrangement of the Constitution of Maine by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Resolve 2023, chapter 86 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 27, 2023.

### **LD 2017 An Act to Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 406 was enacted without reference to a committee.

Public Law 2023, chapter 406 implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, the Maine Service Employees Association, the Fraternal Order of Police and any other certified bargaining representative for an executive branch bargaining unit and provides for equitable treatment for confidential employees and certain other employees excluded from collective bargaining.

The law specifies the costs from the General Fund and Highway Fund to fund salary increases and authorizes the transfer by financial order of available General Fund and Highway Fund balances as necessary.

The law provides for the adjustment of certain salary schedules in fiscal year 2023-24 and in fiscal year 2024-25 consistent with agreements ratified by December 31, 2023. The law also provides for similar

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and equitable treatment of confidential employees, probationary employees and other employees excluded from collective bargaining.

The law authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be reimbursed up to \$1,200,000 for finalization of the ongoing comprehensive review of the classification and compensation system for executive branch employees and for a market pay study comparing state salaries with those of employees performing comparable work of a sampling of certain private and public employees.

Public Law 2023, chapter 406 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.

### **LD 2018 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 96 was finally passed without reference to committee.

Resolve 2023, chapter 96 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a major substantive rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Resolve 2023, chapter 96 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.

### **LD 2019 An Act to Authorize Funding for Collective Bargaining Agreements with Certain Judicial Department Employees**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 407 was enacted without reference to committee.

Public Law 2023, chapter 407 authorizes funding for collective bargaining agreements ratified by December 31, 2023 by the Judicial Department and the 4 bargaining units representing Judicial Department employees.

Public Law 2023, chapter 407 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.