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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.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

LD 2023 An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 523 makes the following technical changes to Maine's tax laws.

Part A makes the following changes to the property tax and tax benefit programs laws.

1. It updates outdated terms referencing municipalities and municipal officers.
2. It removes and replaces gender-specific language.
3. It corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2023, chapter 360 and Public Law 2023, chapter 412, which affected the same provisions of law, by combining the provisions in the two chapters.
4. It removes an obsolete reference to an application provision and instructions in the law governing the sale of tax-acquired properties as the instructions are no longer required.
5. It makes other technical and grammatical changes to the laws affecting Maine property tax.

Part B makes the following changes to the income tax laws.

1. It includes the United States Space Force in references to the United States Armed Forces.
2. It corrects a cross-reference in the law regarding the property tax fairness credit maximum benefit base.
3. It clarifies that payment of taxes for a short taxable year must be made in accordance with existing due dates for estimated tax installments that fall within the short taxable year.
4. It updates language in the law governing information returns to be consistent with state statutes and rules.
5. It makes other technical and grammatical changes to the laws affecting Maine income tax.

LD 2024 Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 142 authorizes the State Tax Assessor to convey the interest of the State in several parcels of real estate in the unorganized territory that were acquired by the State for nonpayment of property taxes.