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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 ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LD 2270 An Act to Create the Lincoln Mill Facilities District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 23 creates the Lincoln Mill Facilities District. It establishes the territory for the district and authorizes the district to provide wastewater treatment, including sewer and sanitary services, for commercial and industrial users and water service for industrial purposes, including cooling water, but not for municipal or domestic use. The law includes provisions for various aspects of the district's operations including for the organization of the district's board of trustees and the authority to borrow money and to issue bonds and notes, to establish rates and tolls and to exercise the right of eminent domain.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 23 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2024.

LD 2278 An Act to Require Public Safety Answering Point and Dispatch Center Cost Reporting and to Direct the Formation of a Staffing and Recruiting Stakeholder Group

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 609 does the following.

1. It requires each public safety answering point and dispatch center to annually provide a report to the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau on the costs they incur for the provision of enhanced 9-1-1 services.
2. It requires the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to contract with one or more third party vendors, using revenues in the E-9-1-1 fund, to provide quality assurance review related to the provision of emergency medical dispatch services and answering fire 9-1-1 calls by public safety answering points.
3. It requires the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to convene a stakeholder group to develop a coordinated 9-1-1 staffing and recruiting effort for all public safety answering points. The bureau must ensure that there is representation on the stakeholder group from state, county and municipal public safety answering points. On or before February 21, 2025, the bureau must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters including any recommendations.
4. It provides funding to the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to hire one additional staff member.