

**STATE OF MAINE**  
131<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSION



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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### **Apportionment**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1704	An Act Regarding Incarcerated Individuals and Legislative Apportionment	PUBLIC 373
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1885	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Improve Representation by Simplifying Legislative Redistricting for the Maine House of Representatives	ONTP

### **Boards and Commissions**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 133	An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board and to Require the Member Representing a Historical Society to Have Expertise in Archival Records	PUBLIC 24
	LD 1029	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States	RESOLVE 126
	LD 1939	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission	PUBLIC 415
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 794	An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1067	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1233	An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission	CARRIED OVER

### **Capitol Area/Capitol Complex**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 455	An Act Regarding a COVID-19 Memorial	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1100	Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building	CARRIED OVER

### **Cemeteries**

**Enacted** LD 138 An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District P & S 4

### **County Government - Budget**

**Enacted** LD 893 An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee PUBLIC 148

LD 1350 An Act Regarding the Composition of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Finality of the Budget in the Franklin County Budget Process PUBLIC 262

### **County Government - General**

**Enacted** LD 119 An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay P & S 1

**Not Enacted** LD 360 An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter CARRIED OVER

### **Geographic Identifiers**

**Enacted** LD 119 An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay P & S 1

LD 1687 An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance PUBLIC 471

**Not Enacted** LD 1667 An Act Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State CARRIED OVER

### **Local Government - Deorganization, Consolidation, Secession and Annexation**

**Enacted** LD 49 An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation P & S 2

### **Local Government - Elections**

**Enacted** LD 1336 An Act to Increase Transparency in Municipal Ballot Referenda Expenditures PUBLIC 314

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 577	An Act to Increase Availability and Security of Election Information on Government Websites	CARRIED OVER
LD 1097	An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds in Municipal Referenda with Lower Approval Thresholds	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1102	An Act to Authorize a Recall Election for a School Board Member	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1181	An Act to Allow for the Recall of an Elected Municipal Official for Any Reason	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1356	An Act to Improve the Local Referendum Process by Increasing the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a Local Referendum Question	Died On Adjournment
LD 1443	An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members	INDEF PP

**Local Government - General**

**Enacted**

LD 138	An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District	P & S 4
LD 153	An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications	PUBLIC 87
LD 166	An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects	PUBLIC 14
LD 917	An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland	P & S 10
LD 1821	An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath	P & S 9

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 380	An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation	CARRIED OVER
LD 422	An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Provide Public Notice in Newspapers	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1297	An Act to Notify School Boards and Select Boards That Lobbying Associations Are Not Governmental Agencies	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1409	An Act to Require Reimbursement When a Municipality Hires First Responders Whose Training Costs Were Incurred by Another Municipality	CARRIED OVER
LD 1669	An Act to Require That Copies of Deeds and Survey Plans Be Provided to Municipal Assessors	ONTP
LD 1758	An Act to Require a Municipality to Pay a Homeless Shelter on a Per Capita Basis for Persons Released or Delivered by the Municipality to the Shelter	ONTP

### **Local Government - Land Use and Access**

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 1553	An Act to Mitigate So-called Forever Chemicals in Decommissioned Schools by Establishing a Fund for Mitigation Projects	ONTP
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### **Local Government - Planning and Regulation**

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 371	An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances	CARRIED OVER
LD 380	An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation	CARRIED OVER
LD 620	An Act to Promote Free Trade by Preventing Municipalities from Prohibiting the Sale of Legal Goods	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 662	An Act to Prohibit Municipal Flavored Tobacco Product Bans on State-licensed Tobacco Retailers	Died Between Houses
LD 671	An Act to Factor Conservative Projections of Sea Level Rise into State Planning on Climate Change	ONTP
LD 894	An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor	Minority (ONTP) Report
LD 1734	An Act to Clarify the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Short-term Rentals	ONTP
LD 1825	An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities	Died Between Houses

### **Local Government - Roads**

**Enacted**

LD 461	An Act Regarding Private Ways and Private Roads	PUBLIC 387
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**Miscellaneous**

**Enacted**

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| LD 917  | An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland            | P & S 10   |
| LD 1687 | An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance                                      | PUBLIC 471 |
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| LD 1934 | Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine | RESOLVE 51 |

**Not Enacted**

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| LD 471  | An Act to Make Necessary Changes to State Law   | CARRIED OVER           |
| LD 620  | An Act to Promote Free Trade by Preventing Municipalities from Prohibiting the Sale of Legal Goods  | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 910  | An Act to Amend the Laws of Maine   | CARRIED OVER           |
| LD 983  | An Act to Exempt Maine from Daylight Saving Time  | CARRIED OVER           |
| LD 989  | Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Potential Effects of the State's Adopting Permanent Eastern Standard Time or Permanent Eastern Daylight Time | Died On Adjournment    |
| LD 1047 | An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval   | ONTP                   |
| LD 1117 | An Act to Ensure That the Will of the Voters Is Reflected in Interim Appointments of United States Senators   | Died Between Houses    |
| LD 1442 | An Act to Expand Health Insurance Options to Child Care Providers   | CARRIED OVER           |
| LD 1553 | An Act to Mitigate So-called Forever Chemicals in Decommissioned Schools by Establishing a Fund for Mitigation Projects   | ONTP                   |
| LD 1772 | An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing       | ONTP                   |
| LD 1948 | An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program Regarding Proprietary Data  | CARRIED OVER           |

### *Overnight of State Agencies*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 514	Resolve, Directing the Office of the State Auditor to Report on Taxpayer Money Funding Maine Nonprofits	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 664	Resolve, Directing the State Auditor to Audit All State Agencies	ONTP
	LD 1195	An Act to Provide That Documents Obtained by Subpoena by the Government Oversight Committee May Be Reviewed by Committee Members and Staff	ONTP
	LD 1275	An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Government Oversight Committee and Enable Committee Access to Department of Health and Human Services Documents Related to Investigations of Child Deaths	ONTP
	LD 1725	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Providing the Government Oversight Committee Access to Confidential Records	CARRIED OVER
	LD 2011	An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities	CARRIED OVER

### *Public Employment*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 884	Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center	RESOLVE 55
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### *Public Employment - Compensation*

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1348	An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation	ONTP
	LD 1854	An Act to Complete and Implement the Comprehensive Review of the Classification and Compensation System for Executive Branch Employees	Died On Adjournment

### *Public Improvements*

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 354	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Licensed Professional Engineers on Certain Public Works Projects	PUBLIC 174
	LD 670	An Act to Protect Birds in the Construction, Renovation and Maintenance of Public Buildings	PUBLIC 221

	LD 735	An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality	PUBLIC 177
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1100	Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building	CARRIED OVER

### **Public Purchasing and Contracting**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1007	An Act to Ban the Video Hosting Service TikTok on All State-owned Devices	PUBLIC 385
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 655	An Act to Address Climate Change by Reducing Carbon Emissions from State Vehicles	ONTP
	LD 863	An Act to Require an Analysis Prior to the Start of State-funded Building Construction over \$1,000,000	ONTP
	LD 877	An Act to Prohibit State Contracts with Companies Owned or Operated by the Government of the People's Republic of China	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1983	An Act to Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act	CARRIED OVER

### **Rulemaking**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 383	An Act to Restore Legislative Oversight of Rulemaking	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 850	An Act to Require State Agencies to Complete the Rulemaking Process Within One Year of a Legislative Directive to Adopt Rules	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1725	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Providing the Government Oversight Committee Access to Confidential Records	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1744	An Act to Strengthen Accountability in Rulemaking by Providing for Legislative Oversight	ONTP
	LD 1840	An Act to Reform the State's Administrative and Rule-making Procedures	ONTP

### **State Government - Agencies**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1260	Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State	RESOLVE 42
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<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 383	An Act to Restore Legislative Oversight of Rulemaking	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 850	An Act to Require State Agencies to Complete the Rulemaking Process Within One Year of a Legislative Directive to Adopt Rules	Minority (ONTP) Report

### **State Government - Constitutional Officers**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1136	An Act to Clarify Term Limitations for Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor	PUBLIC 289
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 484	An Act to Prevent a Conflict of Interest in State Elections by Requiring the Secretary of State to Resign Before Running for Elected Office	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 548	An Act to Amend the Duties of County Sheriffs	ONTP
	LD 696	An Act to Allow the People to Elect the State Auditor	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1307	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Constitutional Officers to Be Elected by Statewide Election	Majority (ONTP) Report

### **State Government - General**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 671	An Act to Factor Conservative Projections of Sea Level Rise into State Planning on Climate Change	ONTP
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### **State Government - Governor**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 165	An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 1348	An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation	ONTP

### **State Government - Legislature**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 205	An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties	PUBLIC 2
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	LD 1136	An Act to Clarify Term Limitations for Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor	PUBLIC 289
	LD 1155	An Act to Address Legislative Salaries	PUBLIC 446
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 521	An Act to Prevent Political Patronage with Regard to State Legislators	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 909	An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature	CARRIED OVER
	LD 969	An Act to Implement Requirements for Certain Bills	ONTP
	LD 1016	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1067	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1100	Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1275	An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Government Oversight Committee and Enable Committee Access to Department of Health and Human Services Documents Related to Investigations of Child Deaths	ONTP
	LD 1348	An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation	ONTP
	LD 1432	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Racial Impact Statements	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1668	An Act to Provide Staffing for Ongoing Study Commissions During Legislative Sessions and to Support the Work of the Legislature	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1738	An Act to Create Lodging for Legislators	ONTP

### **State Government - Property**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1173	An Act Directing the Bureau of General Services to Ensure Adequate Air Quality in All State-owned and State-leased Buildings	PUBLIC 392
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 501	Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Machiasport	ONTP

LD 1100 Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building CARRIED OVER

**State Holidays, Designations, Symbols**

**Enacted**

LD 239 An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly PUBLIC 88

LD 269 An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock PUBLIC 15

LD 292 An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day PUBLIC 10

LD 344 An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day PUBLIC 11

LD 628 An Act to Designate Maine Irish Heritage Day PUBLIC 47

LD 1243 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Propose a State Calendar RESOLVE 91

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 86 An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag HELD BY GOVERNOR

LD 1005 Resolve, to Authorize Flying the Former Maine Flag on Certain Occasions ONTP

LD 1069 An Act Requiring a Referendum to Restore the Former Maine Flag Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1239 An Act to Make General Election Day a State Holiday and to Allow Certain Employees an Opportunity to Vote ONTP

LD 1616 An Act to Make the Description of the State Seal Gender-neutral and to Depict One of the Human Images on the State Flag as Female ONTP

**State of Emergency**

**Enacted**

LD 87 An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared PUBLIC 424

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 1862 An Act to Restore Balanced Powers During a State of Emergency Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1872 An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers Majority (ONTP)  
Report

LD 1876 An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Use of Majority (ONTP)  
Emergency Powers Report

**Unorganized Territory**

**Enacted** LD 49 An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation P & S 2

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Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
								Law	Ch		
SLG	49	An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/7/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	2		S1
SLG	86	An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		5/24/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
SLG	87	An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Enacted	PL	424		S1
SLG	119	An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay	Reported Out	OTP		2/10/23	Enacted	P&S	1		R1
SLG	133	An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board and to Require the Member Representing a Historical Society to Have Expertise in Archival Records	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		3/22/23	Enacted	PL	24		S1
SLG	138	An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District	Reported Out	OTP		4/28/23	Enacted	P&S	4		S1
SLG	153	An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/28/23	Enacted	PL	87		S1
SLG	165	An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Held by Governor			✓	S1
SLG	166	An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		2/21/23	Enacted	PL	14		R1
SLG	205	An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties	Reported Out	OTP-AM		2/6/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	2		R1
SLG	239	An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/28/23	Enacted	PL	88		S1
SLG	269	An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock	Reported Out	OTP		3/1/23	Enacted	PL	15		R1
SLG	292	An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day	Reported Out	OTP		3/1/23	Enacted	PL	10		R1
SLG	344	An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day	Reported Out	OTP		3/1/23	Enacted	PL	11		R1

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SLG	354	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Licensed Professional Engineers on Certain Public Works Projects	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	174		S1
SLG	360	An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Charter	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	371	An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	380	An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	383	An Act to Restore Legislative Oversight of Rulemaking	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/9/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	422	An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Provide Public Notice in Newspapers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	455	An Act Regarding a COVID-19 Memorial	Reported Out	LTW		4/11/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	461	An Act Regarding Private Ways and Private Roads	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	387		S1
SLG	471	An Act to Make Necessary Changes to State Law	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	484	An Act to Prevent a Conflict of Interest in State Elections by Requiring the Secretary of State to Resign Before Running for Elected Office	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/5/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	501	Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Machiasport	Reported Out	ONTP		5/3/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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SLG	548	An Act to Amend the Duties of County Sheriffs	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	577	An Act to Increase Availability and Security of Election Information on Government Websites	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23					S1
SLG	620	An Act to Promote Free Trade by Preventing Municipalities from Prohibiting the Sale of Legal Goods	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		4/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	628	An Act to Designate Maine Irish Heritage Day	Reported Out	OTP		4/11/23	Enacted	PL	47		S1
SLG	655	An Act to Address Climate Change by Reducing Carbon Emissions from State Vehicles	Reported Out	ONTP		4/21/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	662	An Act to Prohibit Municipal Flavored Tobacco Product Bans on State-licensed Tobacco Retailers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/9/23	Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	664	Resolve, Directing the State Auditor to Audit All State Agencies	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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SLG	671	An Act to Factor Conservative Projections of Sea Level Rise into State Planning on Climate Change	Reported Out	ONTP		4/12/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	696	An Act to Allow the People to Elect the State Auditor	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	735	An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/23/23	Enacted	PL	177		S1
SLG	794	An Act to Expand the Membership of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/26/23					S1
SLG	850	An Act to Require State Agencies to Complete the Rulemaking Process Within One Year of a Legislative Directive to Adopt Rules	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	863	An Act to Require an Analysis Prior to the Start of State-funded Building Construction over \$1,000,000	Reported Out	ONTP		5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	877	An Act to Prohibit State Contracts with Companies Owned or Operated by the Government of the People's Republic of China	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	884	Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/1/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	55		S1
SLG	893	An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee	Reported Out	OTP		5/17/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	148		S1



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SLG	917	An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		4/26/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	10		S1
SLG	969	An Act to Implement Requirements for Certain Bills	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	983	An Act to Exempt Maine from Daylight Saving Time	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	989	Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Potential Effects of the State's Adopting Permanent Eastern Standard Time or Permanent Eastern Daylight Time	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1005	Resolve, to Authorize Flying the Former Maine Flag on Certain Occasions	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1007	An Act to Ban the Video Hosting Service TikTok on All State-owned Devices	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/15/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	385		S1
SLG	1016	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1029	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	126		S1

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Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
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SLG	1047	An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1067	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1069	An Act Requiring a Referendum to Restore the Former Maine Flag	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1097	An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds in Municipal Referenda with Lower Approval Thresholds	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1100	Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/23					S1
SLG	1102	An Act to Authorize a Recall Election for a School Board Member	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1117	An Act to Ensure That the Will of the Voters Is Reflected in Interim Appointments of United States Senators	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/11/23	Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	1136	An Act to Clarify Term Limitations for Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	289		S1
SLG	1155	An Act to Address Legislative Salaries	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/31/23	Enacted	PL	446		S1
SLG	1173	An Act Directing the Bureau of General Services to Ensure Adequate Air Quality in All State-owned and State-leased Buildings	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	392		S1

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Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
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SLG	1181	An Act to Allow for the Recall of an Elected Municipal Official for Any Reason	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/17/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1195	An Act to Provide That Documents Obtained by Subpoena by the Government Oversight Committee May Be Reviewed by Committee Members and Staff	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1233	An Act Regarding the Maine State Cemetery Preservation Commission	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	1239	An Act to Make General Election Day a State Holiday and to Allow Certain Employees an Opportunity to Vote	Reported Out	ONTP		5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1243	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Propose a State Calendar	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP/ OTP-AM		6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	91		S1
SLG	1260	Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/26/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	42		S1
SLG	1275	An Act to Clarify the Powers of the Government Oversight Committee and Enable Committee Access to Department of Health and Human Services Documents Related to Investigations of Child Deaths	Reported Out	ONTP		5/5/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1297	An Act to Notify School Boards and Select Boards That Lobbying Associations Are Not Governmental Agencies	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/31/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1307	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Constitutional Officers to Be Elected by Statewide Election	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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SLG	1336	An Act to Increase Transparency in Municipal Ballot Referenda Expenditures	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	314		S1
SLG	1348	An Act to Modernize Executive Branch and Legislative Branch Compensation	Reported Out	ONTP		5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1350	An Act Regarding the Composition of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Finality of the Budget in the Franklin County Budget Process	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	262		S1
SLG	1356	An Act to Improve the Local Referendum Process by Increasing the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a Local Referendum Question	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/9/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1409	An Act to Require Reimbursement When a Municipality Hires First Responders Whose Training Costs Were Incurred by Another Municipality	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
SLG	1432	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Racial Impact Statements	Carry Over Approved			7/25/23					S1
SLG	1442	An Act to Expand Health Insurance Options to Child Care Providers	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/21/23					S1
SLG	1443	An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP-AM		6/15/23	Indefinitely Postponed				S1
SLG	1553	An Act to Mitigate So-called Forever Chemicals in Decommissioned Schools by Establishing a Fund for Mitigation Projects	Reported Out	ONTP		5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1616	An Act to Make the Description of the State Seal Gender-neutral and to Depict One of the Human Images on the State Flag as Female	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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SLG	1667	An Act Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State	Carry Over			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				SL
SLG	1668	An Act to Provide Staffing for Ongoing Study Commissions During Legislative Sessions and to Support the Work of the Legislature	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		Carried On Approps Table	6/6/23				SL
SLG	1669	An Act to Require That Copies of Deeds and Survey Plans Be Provided to Municipal Assessors	Reported Out	ONTP			5/11/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			SL
SLG	1687	An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance	Reported Out	OTP-AM			6/20/23	Enacted	PL	471	SL
SLG	1704	An Act Regarding Incarcerated Individuals and Legislative Apportionment	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP			6/9/23	Enacted	PL	373	SL
SLG	1725	An Act to Strengthen Legislative Oversight of Government Agencies and Programs by Providing the Government Oversight Committee Access to Confidential Records	Carry Over			Carried in Comm	7/25/23				SL
SLG	1734	An Act to Clarify the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Short-term Rentals	Reported Out	ONTP			5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			SL
SLG	1738	An Act to Create Lodging for Legislators	Reported Out	ONTP			5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			SL
SLG	1744	An Act to Strengthen Accountability in Rulemaking by Providing for Legislative Oversight	Reported Out	ONTP			5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			SL

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SLG	1758	An Act to Require a Municipality to Pay a Homeless Shelter on a Per Capita Basis for Persons Released or Delivered by the Municipality to the Shelter	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1772	An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing	Reported Out	ONTP		5/23/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1821	An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Bath	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/31/23	Emergency Enacted	P&S	9		S1
SLG	1825	An Act to Clarify Licensing Jurisdiction for Manufactured Housing Communities	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/16/23	Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	1840	An Act to Reform the State's Administrative and Rule-making Procedures	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1854	An Act to Complete and Implement the Comprehensive Review of the Classification and Compensation System for Executive Branch Employees	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		6/21/23	Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1862	An Act to Restore Balanced Powers During a State of Emergency	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1872	An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/9/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1876	An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Use of Emergency Powers	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/21/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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								Law	Ch		
SLG	1885	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Improve Representation by Simplifying Legislative Redistricting for the Maine House of Representatives	Reported Out	ONTP		5/30/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1934	Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine	Reported Out	OTP		6/1/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	51		S1
SLG	1939	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	415		S1
SLG	1948	An Act to Amend the State's Data Governance Program Regarding Proprietary Data	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	1983	An Act to Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
SLG	2011	An Act Regarding the State Auditor's Reporting Requirements on State Agencies' Financial Activities	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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### **LD 49 An Act to Authorize the Deorganization of Drew Plantation**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 2 provides for the deorganization of Drew Plantation in Penobscot County, subject to approval by the voters at a local special election.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2023.

### **LD 87 An Act to Permit Emergency Funding For Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 424 authorizes the Governor to distribute up to \$400,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund during a state of emergency to nonprofit entities, including food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, that provide or distribute food to low-income, indigent or unemployed individuals or households without charge if the state of emergency lasts more than 10 days.

Public Law 2023, chapter 424 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which the emergency funding for nonprofit entities must be disbursed and authorizes the commissioner to leverage emergency funding for nonprofit entities to match any relevant federal funding available for qualifying food programs in the State.

Public Law 2023, chapter 424 prevents the Governor from suspending the adopted rules during a state of emergency.

### **LD 119 An Act to Clarify the Boundary Between Waldo and Knox Counties in Penobscot Bay**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 1 clarifies and describes a portion of the common boundary between Waldo County and Knox County located in Penobscot Bay to resolve a discrepancy between the legislative history of the boundary line and recent maps of the boundary line.



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### **LD 133 An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board and to Require the Member Representing a Historical Society to Have Expertise in Archival Records**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 24 makes the following changes to the Archives Advisory Board, established in Title 5, section 12004-I and described in Title 5, section 96.

1. It adds a member to the board who represents newspaper and other press interests recommended by a statewide professional news organization.
2. It requires the member representing newspaper and other press interests have expertise in journalism.
3. It requires the member representing a state or local historical society have expertise in archival records.

### **LD 138 An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 4 reduces the term of the trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District from five years to three years beginning with the trustees elected to serve in 2024.

### **LD 153 An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 87 makes the following changes in those sections of Title 30-A, chapter 3 that require a county provide a written estimate of proposed county taxes and a notice of the public hearing on proposed county taxes to all municipalities located in the county.

1. It requires a county to deliver the written estimate of proposed county taxes and notice of public hearing to each municipality within the county either by email or regular mail, or deliver the written estimate and notice in person.
2. It authorizes a municipality to request that a county send the written estimate and notice of public hearing to a municipality by email or regular mail.

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3. If the written estimate and notice of public hearing are delivered by email or regular mail, it requires that the municipal clerk must confirm receipt of each.

### **LD 166 An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 14 allows a municipality to use the revenue collected from parking meters within the municipality for property tax relief and to pay the costs of constructing, maintaining and operating capital infrastructure projects.

### **LD 205 An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 2 increases the travel-related expenses paid to members of the Legislature and members of the Penobscot Indian Nation, the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians elected to represent their tribes in the Legislature in the following ways.

1. It sets the mileage reimbursement rate at 55 cents per mile or the federal standard mileage rate, whichever is lower, for travel by the most reasonable direct route to and from a member's place of abode.
2. It sets the meal allowance at \$50 for each day in attendance at session.
3. It sets the housing allowance at \$70 for each day in attendance at session and for each day a member occupies overnight accommodations away from home either immediately before or after attendance at a daily session of the Legislature.
4. It sets the amount a member is entitled to receive as a daily meal allowance in lieu of the meal and housing allowance at \$50 per day.

Public Law 2023, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 13, 2023.

### **LD 239 An Act to Establish the Pink-edged Sulphur as the State Butterfly**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 88 establishes the Pink-edged Sulphur (*Colias interior*) as the official state butterfly.

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### **LD 269 An Act to Designate Granitic Pegmatite as the Maine State Rock**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 15 establishes granitic pegmatite as the official state rock.

### **LD 292 An Act to Establish Maine Needham Day**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 10 establishes the last Saturday in September as Maine Needham Day and requires the Governor to issue an annual proclamation recognizing the needham's place in the State's culture and culinary traditions.

### **LD 344 An Act to Establish Maine Alewife Day**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 11 designates the Saturday before Memorial Day as Maine Alewife Day and requires the Governor issue an annual proclamation encouraging observation of this day.

### **LD 354 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Licensed Professional Engineers on Certain Public Works Projects**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 174 repeals and replaces the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1254. It exempts certain public works construction projects that otherwise require the services of a licensed professional engineer from the need for a professional engineer if: an authorized representative of a department of this State or any of this State's political subdivisions or any county, city, town, township or plantation engaged in the construction of the public works project issues a written determination that the life, health and property of the public will be adequately protected without the services of a licensed professional engineer; and the contemplated expenditure for the completed project does not exceed \$250,000. For purposes of issuing the written determination, the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is the authorized representative of a department of this State engaged in public works that constitute public improvements under Title 5, chapter 153. The law also clarifies that a department of this State or any of this State's political subdivisions or any county, city, town, township or plantation may still require the services of a licensed professional engineer for any public works project that meets both conditions.

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### **LD 461 An Act Regarding Private Ways and Private Roads**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 387 makes the following changes to the duties of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 3036.

1. It requires the commission to review the use of the following terms in the Maine Revised Statutes: "private way"; "public way"; "private road"; and "public easement".
2. It directs the commission to determine whether changes to current law would improve understanding and use of these terms throughout the Maine Revised Statutes.
3. It requires the commission to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 5, 2024 that includes the Commissions conclusions and recommendations.

Public Law 2023, chapter 387 gives the commission the authority to meet more than six times in 2023 to complete this work.

Public Law 2023, chapter 387 changes the definition of "repairs and maintenance" as it applies to road associations established and operating in accordance with Title 23, chapter 305 to include paving in locations where pavement does not exist if the paving is approved by an affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the owners of all the parcels benefited by the private road, private way or bridge at a meeting called in accordance with Title 23, section 3101, subsection 2. It adds installing reclaimed asphalt or grinding existing asphalt pavement for reuse within the definition of "repairs and maintenance." It allows road associations to establish a reserve account to hold funds for repairs and maintenance, and it changes the expiration date of a notice of claim recorded with the registry of deeds from 18 months to six years.

### **LD 628 An Act to Designate Maine Irish Heritage Day**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 47 designates March 17th as Irish Heritage Day and requires the Governor to issue an annual proclamation encouraging observation of this day

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### **LD 670 An Act to Protect Birds in the Construction, Renovation and Maintenance of Public Buildings**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 221 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to develop, by December 31, 2024, guidance regarding the integration of bird collision risk management into public improvements.

The guidance must be available on the bureau's publicly accessible website and must be developed in consultation with expert stakeholders and must include an explanation of: architectural design threats and landscape design threats to birds; the cost differentials and the comparative effectiveness of materials, designs and other methods for reducing bird collisions; and other considerations for reducing bird collisions.

Public Law 2023, chapter 221 requires the guidance be considered in the construction of public improvements and renovations of public improvements in which more than 50% of a building facade is substantially altered. The guidance does not apply to public buildings, landscapes or districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places or determined to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, including the State House and the Blaine House.

Public Law 2023, chapter 221 requires the Bureau of General Services submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government no later than December 31, 2024 detailing the guidance developed. Beginning December 31, 2026, and biennially thereafter, the Bureau of General Services must submit a report detailing use of the guidance during the previous 2-year period.

The committee may submit legislation relating to the subject matter of each report received.

### **LD 735 An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 177 requires the Department of Transportation, the Maine Turnpike Authority and any state agency installing a solar energy project that disturbs more than 1,000 square feet of land area to hold a public hearing in the municipality where the project is to be located.

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### **LD 884 Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 55 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to complete a study of the creation of a state employee and legislative child care center. The study must be done within existing resources and a report must be submitted, by October 1, 2024, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

### **LD 893 An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 148 provides that, by October 1, 2023, and by October 1st of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the Hancock County legislative delegation must select, by majority vote, a member of the delegation to serve on the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee for a period of 2 years. If the selected member resigns from the Legislature or the budget advisory committee prior to the expiration of the 2-year term, the delegation may select another member to fulfill the remaining term of office. The delegation may also replace its selected member by a 2/3 vote of the delegation.

Public Law 2023, chapter 148 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2023.

### **LD 917 An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 10 validates the referendum conducted in the City of Rockland on November 8, 2022. It authorizes the City of Rockland to enter into contracts and issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 to finance roads and sidewalk improvements, \$2,400,000 to finance the permanent closure of the city landfill and \$15,000,000 to finance storm water projects, plus up to 2% for costs of issuance.

Private and Special Law 2023, chapter 10 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2023.

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### **LD 1007 An Act to Ban the Video Hosting Service TikTok on All State-owned Devices**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 385 bans TikTok on computers or other electronic devices owned or controlled by any branch of State Government, unless access is necessary for life, health, safety or investigative purposes in accordance with agency policy.

Public Law 2023, chapter 385 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 6, 2023.

### **LD 1029 Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the United States**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 126 establishes the 15-member Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States and the nonlapsing Maine Semiquincentennial Fund. Commission members serve until December 31, 2026 and may receive reimbursement for necessary expenses related to the performance of the member's duties on the commission. The fund terminates on December 31, 2027 with any unexpended balance in the fund being transferred to the General Fund.

The resolve requires the Secretary of State to administer the fund; chair the commission; appoint five members of the commission to constitute an executive committee; and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than December 1, 2023. The Secretary of State also has authority to employ staff to serve the commission; with advice from the commission, appoint honorary members to the commission; establish an advisory council composed of people who are especially interested in the celebration of the United States Semiquincentennial; and request additional appropriations from the Legislature for necessary expenses of the commission.

The commission is directed to develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States through educational and historical events, activities and programs throughout the State. The Commission must submit an annual report on its activities to the Governor and the Legislature. All state agencies and political subdivisions of the State are required to cooperate with the commission and may grant funds, property and services to the commission to carry out the purposes of this resolve. The Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House serve as ex officio members of the commission.

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### **LD 1136 An Act to Clarify Term Limitations for Legislators, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 289 provides that for purposes of the Term Limitation Act of 1993, a consecutive term does not include a term that begins after the 3rd Wednesday in June in an odd-numbered year.

Public Law 2023, chapter 289 takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature and applies to Legislators and constitutional officers currently serving in office.

### **LD 1155 An Act to Address Legislative Salary**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 446 increases the salary of Legislators to \$25,000 in the first year of each biennium and to \$20,000 in the 2nd year of each biennium, beginning with the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

### **LD 1173 An Act Directing the Bureau of General Services to Ensure Adequate Air Quality in All State-owned and State-leased Buildings**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 392 makes the following changes to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1742-G.

1. It adds radon to the list of substances that may be harmful to human health that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services must test for in state-owned and state-leased building.
2. It requires the bureau to develop mitigation plans when harmful levels of radon are found in these buildings.
3. It requires the bureau to conduct radon tests in the State House and report the findings with mitigation recommendations to the Legislative Council of the Legislature by January 15, 2024.



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### **LD 1243 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Propose a State Calendar**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 91 requires the Secretary of State, or the Secretary's designee, to propose a calendar, to be known as the "state calendar", that includes important religious days and holidays of the State's residents and the citizens of the United States. The calendar shall be developed within existing resources and in consultations with persons representing religious traditions practiced in this state; the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations; and the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State based on the joint recommendation of the tribal governments.

Resolve 2023, chapter 91 requires the Secretary of State to submit a proposed state calendar to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 31, 2024. The committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature adopting a state calendar.

### **LD 1260 Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 42 requires the Secretary of State to study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of appointing a deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education matters.

The law also requires the Secretary of State to study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7501, from the Department of Education to the office of the Secretary of State in consultation with the Commissioner of Education.

The report must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 6, 2023, including any recommendations and suggested legislation. The committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the report.

### **LD 1336 An Act to Increase Transparency in Municipal Ballot Referenda Expenditures**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 314 makes the following changes related to municipal ballot referenda expenditures.

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1. It requires a ballot question committee that spends more than \$5,000 to influence a municipal referendum campaign in a town or city with a population of less than 15,000 to register and file reports with the Commission of Governmental Ethics and Election Practices established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1002, using the Commission's electronic filing system.
2. It requires the Commission of Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to be responsible to oversee the filing of registrations or campaign finance reports related to municipal campaigns in towns or cities with a population under 15,000.
3. It applies the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter 4 to all municipal referenda campaign finance reporting.

### **LD 1350 An Act Regarding the Composition of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Finality of the Budget in the Franklin County Budget Process**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 262 makes the following changes to the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 873, effective November 5, 2024.

1. It establishes that the term of office of Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee members elected from the three county commissioner districts expires on November 5, 2024, which is the date Franklin County is divided into five county commissioner districts.
2. Beginning on November 5, 2024, it authorizes the municipal caucus for each of the five county commissioner districts to elect two members to the budget advisory committee to serve a three-year term.
3. Beginning November 5, 2024, it requires that an additional member must be elected to the budget advisory committee to serve a one-year term. The member must be elected, on a rotating basis, from among the five districts.
4. It requires that the election of members to the budget advisory committee must occur before April 1st of each year an election is required.
5. It requires that the final adoption of the Franklin County budget necessitates a 3/5 vote of the entire membership of the budget advisory committee.

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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.

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### **LD 1934 Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 51 requires the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to review opportunities and structural changes in the organization of State Government that will result in the improved coordination and implementation of planning grants and technical assistance programs for Maine communities and regional planning and development organizations. The office must conduct the review in consultation with diverse stakeholders including municipal and regional planning entities.

The law requires the office to make recommendations in coordination with state agencies that manage programs and grant funds across the State supporting community planning and technical assistance and to make recommendations regarding budget and staffing matters in consultation with the Department of Administration and Financial Services. The office must submit a report with regard to the review and consultation that includes proposed legislation and financial and staffing implications of the recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by December 6, 2023.

### **LD 1939 An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 415 makes the following changes to the membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission.

1. It increases the membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission from eight members to 12 members.
2. It increases the membership of the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission from four members from Maine to eight members from Maine.
3. It requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint legislative members to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission equally from the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.

Public Law 2023, chapter 415 was enacted as an emergency effective July 19, 2023.

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### *ANALYST NOTES*

*This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is 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.*

#### **LD 86 An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag**

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

#### **LD 165 An Act to Increase the Governor's Salary**

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.