

STATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
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	LD 1546	An Act to Require Recommendations from Study Commissions to Be Printed as Legislative Documents	ONTP
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Not Enacted	LD 1776	An Act to Establish the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House Complex	Died Between Houses
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Constitutional Amendment

Not Enacted	LD 147	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State	Minority (ONTP) Report
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Constitutional Officers

**Not
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LD 1052	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer	CARRIED OVER
LD 1193	An Act to Require the Legislature to Elect Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor in Convention with an Open Ballot System	Died On Adjournment

LD 1454	An Act to Redefine "Term" in the Law Governing Term Limits for Constitutional Offices	ONTP
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County Government - Budget

Enacted	LD 286	An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills	PUBLIC 100
	LD 358	An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds	PUBLIC 328
	LD 1542	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee	PUBLIC 290
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County Government - General

Enacted	LD 129	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Dedimus Justices	PUBLIC 273
	LD 915	An Act to Modernize Deed Duplication from Microfilm to a Digital Image	PUBLIC 239
	LD 1153	An Act to Change in Statute the Areas Represented by the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena from Sets of Municipalities to the County Commissioner Districts of Cumberland County	PUBLIC 68
Not Enacted	LD 1155	An Act to Ensure Appropriate County Government Operations Relating to the Position of Dedimus Justice	ONTP
	LD 1556	Resolve, Regarding Increasing the Number of Kennebec County Commissioners	ONTP
	LD 1741	An Act Regarding County Law Enforcement Administration and Rural Law Enforcement	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1884	Resolve, to Increase the Number of Kennebec County Commissioners	Minority (ONTP) Report

Local Government - Deorganization, Consolidation, Secession and Annexation

Enacted	LD 1302	An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality	PUBLIC 212
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Local Government - Elections

Enacted	LD 1483	An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings Conducted by the City of South Portland	P & S 6
	LD 1635	An Act to Streamline Municipal Referenda Recount Initiation	PUBLIC 268
Not Enacted	LD 991	An Act to Prevent Conflicts of Interest When Voting on Municipal Employee Compensation	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1013	An Act to Protect Taxpayers by Requiring Referenda on Significant Municipal Debt	Died Between Houses

Local Government - General

Enacted	LD 556	An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor	PUBLIC 456
	LD 1091	An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Requiring Opportunity for Public Comment	PUBLIC 409
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	LD 542	An Act Regarding Municipal Property Tax Levy Limits	Report B (ONTP)
	LD 849	An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1090	Resolve, to Form a Working Group to Address Vacancies in Municipal Government Management Positions	ONTP
	LD 1196	Resolve, to Require the Towns of Kittery and York to Develop a Boundary Description	ONTP
	LD 1388	An Act to Replace the Participation Threshold in Votes to Adopt or Alter a Municipal Charter with a Lower Approval Threshold	ONTP
	LD 1517	An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds with Approval Thresholds in Certain School, Municipal and County Measures	Died Between Houses

Local Government - Planning and Regulation

Enacted	LD 731	An Act to Prohibit Municipalities from Barring the Creation of Homeless Shelters	PUBLIC 156
	LD 1462	An Act to Promote Artisans and the Creative Economy	PUBLIC 319
Not Enacted	LD 1244	An Act to Establish Requirements for Warming Shelters	ONTP
	LD 1417	An Act to Strengthen the Authority of Local Officials to Enforce Provisions Regarding Dangerous and Nuisance Properties that Constitute a Threat to Public Health and Safety	ONTP
	LD 1628	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Regulate Exterior Lights	ONTP
	LD 1934	An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Local Government - Roads

Not Enacted	LD 928	An Act to Maintain Public Access to Town Ways in Maine	ONTP
	LD 1985	An Act to Implement the Recommendations if the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Road Commission	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Popular Election

Not Enacted	LD 147	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 148	An Act to Provide for the Statewide Popular Election of the State Auditor	ONTP
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LD 508	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Constitutional Officers to Be Elected by Popular Election	INDEF PP
LD 1068	An Act to Allow the People to Elect the State Auditor	Died On Adjournment
LD 1161	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Providing for the Popular Election of the Attorney General	ONTP

Public Employment

Enacted	LD 1303	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifications for the State Auditor	PUBLIC 287
Not Enacted	LD 914	An Act Regarding Employees in the Office of the State Auditor	ONTP
	LD 1265	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Employee Market Pay Studies and Comprehensive Reviews of the Classification Plan for State Service Positions	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 1539	An Act to Create a State Employee Compensation Stabilization Fund	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1744	An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention	CARRIED OVER

Public Purchasing and Contracting

Enacted	LD 100	An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for the Informal Bidding Process for the Selection of Professional, Architect and Engineer Services	PUBLIC 25
	LD 857	An Act to Increase Government Transparency in the Procurement of Goods and Services	PUBLIC 405
	LD 1494	Resolve, Directing the Office of Procurement Services to Study Adapting the Procurement Process to the State Climate Action Plan	RESOLVE 70
Not Enacted	LD 602	An Act Regarding the Notification Process for Competitive Bids	ONTP
	LD 1449	Resolve, Establishing the Working Group on Modernizing State Grants, Contracts and Procurement	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1560	An Act to Address Conflicts of Interest with Municipal Contracts	ONTP

Rulemaking

Not Enacted	LD 236	An Act to Provide Legislative Oversight of the Rule-making Petition Process	ONTP
	LD 490	An Act to Provide for a 5-year Automatic Repeal of Agency Rules	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 965	An Act to Require the Automatic Repealing of Agency Rules	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1131	An Act to Reform the Process by Which a Person May Petition an Agency to Adopt or Modify Rules Under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act	Report B (ONTP)
	LD 1372	An Act to Establish a Special Committee to Review Routine Technical Rules	Majority (ONTP) Report

State Government - Agencies

Enacted	LD 693	An Act to Support the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions	PUBLIC 117
Not Enacted	LD 594	Resolve, Directing the State Auditor to Audit All State Agencies	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 674	An Act to Create a History Education and Learning Mobile Unit Within the Maine State Archives	Majority (ONTP) Report

State Government - General

Not Enacted	LD 564	An Act to Improve the Operations of State Government	CARRIED OVER
	LD 695	An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine	CARRIED OVER
	LD 732	An Act to Prohibit Copyrights for Works of State Government	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 774	An Act to Require Bleeding Control Kits in State-owned Buildings	ONTP
	LD 872	An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1004	An Act to Ensure the Proper Operation of the State	CARRIED OVER

LD 1383	An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations	CARRIED OVER
LD 1593	An Act to Require Certain Public Entities to Define Their Use of the Term "Equity"	Majority (ONTP) Report

State Government - Governor

Enacted	LD 119	An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments	PUBLIC 194
Not Enacted	LD 387	An Act to Prohibit the Governor from Relocating Illegal Immigrants to This State	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 749	An Act to Ensure That the Will of the Voters Is Reflected in Interim Appointments of United States Senators	Died On Adjournment
	LD 775	An Act Requiring Voter Approval of Legislative and Gubernatorial Pay Increases	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1331	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding When the Governor May Call the Legislature into Session	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1594	An Act to Change the Appropriation for the Governor's Expense Account and Create Transparency in Expenditures Made from That Account	ONTP

State Government - Legislature

Enacted	LD 434	An Act to Authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Issue Additional Securities for the Replacement of the Legislative Management System for the Senate and the House of Representatives	PUBLIC 454
	LD 954	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee	PUBLIC 86
	LD 1575	An Act to Allow a Legislator to Choose to Be Paid on an Annual Basis	PUBLIC 482
	LD 1968	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Legislative Reimbursement	PUBLIC 490
Not Enacted	LD 136	An Act to Transfer the Responsibility for Tax Expenditure Review from the Government Oversight Committee to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation	ONTP
	LD 216	An Act to Change the Statutory Adjournment Date for the Second Regular Session of the Legislature	ONTP

LD 590	An Act Regarding the Inclusion of Racial and Other Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process	CARRIED OVER
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LD 1563	An Act to Establish Content Standards for Legislation	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1629	An Act to Require Legislative Committees to Provide Equal Time to Each Member of the Public Who Testifies	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1668	An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1673	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Facilitate the Inclusion of Economic Impact Statements in the Legislative Process	CARRIED OVER

State Government - Property

Enacted	LD 1121	An Act to Ensure Equitable Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in State Buildings Open to the Public	PUBLIC 474
Not Enacted	LD 50	An Act to Provide the Right of First Refusal to Towns in Which the University of Maine System and Similar Quasi-independent State Entities Are Selling Property	ONTP
	LD 984	An Act to Require State-owned or Leased Buildings Occupied by 50 or More Executive Branch Employees to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator and One Bleeding Control Kit	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1969	An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act	CARRIED OVER

State Holidays, Designations, Symbols

Enacted	LD 72	An Act to Designate the Spring Peeper as the Official State Amphibian	PUBLIC 31
	LD 73	An Act to Designate the Wood Turtle as the Official State Reptile	PUBLIC 32

	LD 80	An Act to Designate the Seppala Siberian Sleddog as the Maine State Dog	PUBLIC 56
	LD 254	An Act to Designate November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month	PUBLIC 24
	LD 321	An Act to Make May Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month	PUBLIC 81
	LD 567	An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May and the 2nd Week of September as Dark Sky Week	PUBLIC 179
	LD 702	An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember	PUBLIC 144
Not Enacted	LD 53	An Act to Establish the November General Election Day as a State Holiday	Died Between Houses
	LD 373	An Act to Establish "Welcome Home" as the Official State Anthem	Minority (ONTP) Report
	LD 724	An Act to Recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as State Holidays	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 804	An Act to Encourage Election Involvement by Making Election Day a State Holiday in Even-numbered Years	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1214	An Act to Designate the Second Congressional District "Acadia"	Majority (ONTP) Report

State of Emergency

Not Enacted	LD 551	An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers	Report B (ONTP)
	LD 789	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer than 60 Days	ONTP
	LD 1524	An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Exercise of Emergency Powers	ONTP
	LD 1573	An Act to Require Legislative Approval for Certain Emergency Powers of the Governor	Majority (ONTP) Report

Subpoena Power

Not Enacted	LD 273	An Act Related to the Issuance of Subpoena Power to Entities Created by Executive Order	CARRIED OVER
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State and Local Government

Time

Enacted	LD 3	An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval	PUBLIC 191
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Not Enacted	LD 4	An Act to Adopt Eastern Standard Time Year-round	INDEF PP
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United States Constitutional Convention

Not Enacted	LD 1059	An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under the United States Constitution, Article V	CARRIED OVER
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SLG	3	An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	191		S1
SLG	4	An Act to Adopt Eastern Standard Time Year-round	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/22/2025		Indefinitely Postponed				S1
SLG	50	An Act to Provide the Right of First Refusal to Towns in Which the University of Maine System and Similar Quasi-independent State Entities Are Selling Property	Dodge, Jan	ONTP	3/26/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	53	An Act to Establish the November General Election Day as a State Holiday	Poirier, Jennifer	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/2/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	72	An Act to Designate the Spring Peeper as the Official State Amphibian	Osher, Laurie	OTP/ONTP	3/21/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	31		S1
SLG	73	An Act to Designate the Wood Turtle as the Official State Reptile	Osher, Laurie	OTP/ONTP	3/21/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	32		S1
SLG	80	An Act to Designate the Seppala Siberian Sleddog as the Maine State Dog	Boyer, Jr., David	OTP/ONTP	3/28/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	56		S1
SLG	100	An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for the Informal Bidding Process for the Selection of Professional, Architect and Engineer Services	Salisbury, Suzanne	ONTP/OTP	3/21/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	25		S1
SLG	119	An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments	Beebe-Center, Anne	OTP	5/22/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	194		S1
SLG	129	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Dedimus Justices	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	273		S1
SLG	135	An Act to Provide Compensation to Members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Enhance Equitable Commission Participation from Across the State	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM	5/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	177		S1
SLG	136	An Act to Transfer the Responsibility for Tax Expenditure Review from the Government Oversight Committee to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation	Bennett, Richard	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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SLG	148	An Act to Provide for the Statewide Popular Election of the State Auditor	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	149	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Popular Election of the Attorney General	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	150	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Popular Election of the Treasurer of State	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	216	An Act to Change the Statutory Adjournment Date for the Second Regular Session of the Legislature	Hasenfus, Tavis	ONTP	3/26/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	236	An Act to Provide Legislative Oversight of the Rule-making Petition Process	Campbell, Dick	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	247	An Act Regarding Recommendations for Changing Place Names in the State	Talbot Ross, Rachel	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	254	An Act to Designate November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP	3/21/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	24		S1
SLG	273	An Act Related to the Issuance of Subpoena Power to Entities Created by Executive Order	Lee, Adam	OTP-AM	6/6/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
SLG	286	An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills	Bridgeo, William	OTP-AM	5/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	100		S1

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SLG	321	An Act to Make May Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month	Ducharme, Jack	OTP	4/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	81		S1
SLG	358	An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	328		S1
SLG	373	An Act to Establish "Welcome Home" as the Official State Anthem	Moore, Marianne	OTP/ONTP	3/28/2025		Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	387	An Act to Prohibit the Governor from Relocating Illegal Immigrants to This State	Stewart, Trey	ONTP/OTP	3/21/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	422	An Act to Require the State to Obtain Municipal Approval Before Placing Noncitizens in the Municipality	Swallow, Gregg	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/12/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	434	An Act to Authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Issue Additional Securities for the Replacement of the Legislative Management System for the Senate and the House of Representatives	Fecteau, Ryan	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	454		S1
SLG	452	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General by Ranked-choice Voting	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	455	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Statewide Popular Election of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General for 4-year Terms	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	490	An Act to Provide for a 5-year Automatic Repeal of Agency Rules	Smith, Katrina	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/28/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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SLG	542	An Act Regarding Municipal Property Tax Levy Limits	Adams, Jeffrey	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/7/2025		Accepted Report B (ONTP)				S1
SLG	551	An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers	Harrington, Matthew	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/22/2025		Accepted Report B (ONTP)				S1
SLG	556	An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor	Harrington, Matthew	OTP/ONTP	4/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	456		S1
SLG	564	An Act to Improve the Operations of State Government	Baldacci, Joseph		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	567	An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May and the 2nd Week of September as Dark Sky Week	Guerin, Stacey	OTP-AM	5/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	179		S1
SLG	590	An Act Regarding the Inclusion of Racial and Other Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process	Talbot Ross, Rachel		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	594	Resolve, Directing the State Auditor to Audit All State Agencies	Bradstreet, Dick	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	602	An Act Regarding the Notification Process for Competitive Bids	Campbell, Dick	ONTP	4/2/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	616	An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission to Commemorate the United States of America's 250th Birthday in 2026	Greenwood, Randall	OTP-AM	5/22/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
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SLG	674	An Act to Create a History Education and Learning Mobile Unit Within the Maine State Archives	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/12/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	693	An Act to Support the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions	Pierce, Teresa	OTP-AM	5/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	117		S1
SLG	695	An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine	Pierce, Teresa		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	702	An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember	Macias, Rafael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/12/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	144		S1
SLG	724	An Act to Recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as State Holidays	Abdi, Mana	ONTP/OTP	5/22/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	731	An Act to Prohibit Municipalities from Barring the Creation of Homeless Shelters	Lookner, Grayson	OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	156		S1
SLG	732	An Act to Prohibit Copyrights for Works of State Government	Poirier, Jennifer	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/22/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	749	An Act to Ensure That the Will of the Voters Is Reflected in Interim Appointments of United States Senators	Boyer, Jr., David	OTP/ONTP	4/23/2025		Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	774	An Act to Require Bleeding Control Kits in State-owned Buildings	Perkins, Chad	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	775	An Act Requiring Voter Approval of Legislative and Gubernatorial Pay Increases	Tuell, Will	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/22/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	789	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer than 60 Days	Stewart, Trey	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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SLG	804	An Act to Encourage Election Involvement by Making Election Day a State Holiday in Even-numbered Years	Ardell, Donald	LTW	3/26/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	849	An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members	Sayre, Dan		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	857	An Act to Increase Government Transparency in the Procurement of Goods and Services	Boyer, Jr., David	OTP-AM	6/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	405		S1
SLG	872	An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence	Friedmann, Gary	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/6/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	914	An Act Regarding Employees in the Office of the State Auditor	Salisbury, Suzanne	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	915	An Act to Modernize Deed Duplication from Microfilm to a Digital Image	Salisbury, Suzanne	OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	239		S1
SLG	928	An Act to Maintain Public Access to Town Ways in Maine	White, James	ONTP	5/21/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	944	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Improve Representation and Simplify Legislative Redistricting	Warren, Sophia	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	954	An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	5/12/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	86		S1
SLG	965	An Act to Require the Automatic Repealing of Agency Rules	Libby, Laurel	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/28/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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SLG	984	An Act to Require State-owned or Leased Buildings Occupied by 50 or More Executive Branch Employees to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator and One Bleeding Control Kit	Moore, Marianne	OTP-AM	6/6/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
SLG	991	An Act to Prevent Conflicts of Interest When Voting on Municipal Employee Compensation	Martin, Joseph	LTW	3/24/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1004	An Act to Ensure the Proper Operation of the State	Moonen, Matt		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	1013	An Act to Protect Taxpayers by Requiring Referenda on Significant Municipal Debt	Nangle, Tim	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/12/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	1052	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer	Salisbury, Suzanne	OTP-AM	6/5/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
SLG	1059	An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under the United States Constitution, Article V	Greenwood, Randall		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	1068	An Act to Allow the People to Elect the State Auditor	Bradstreet, Dick	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1090	Resolve, to Form a Working Group to Address Vacancies in Municipal Government Management Positions	Rollins, David	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1091	An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Requiring Opportunity for Public Comment	Hymes, Benjamin	OTP-AM	6/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	409		S1
SLG	1121	An Act to Ensure Equitable Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in State Buildings Open to the Public	Collamore, Amanda	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	474		S1
SLG	1131	An Act to Reform the Process by Which a Person May Petition an Agency to Adopt or Modify Rules Under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act	Soboleski, Mike	OTP/ONTP	6/11/2025		Accepted Report B (ONTP)				S1

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SLG	1153	An Act to Change in Statute the Areas Represented by the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena from Sets of Municipalities to the County Commissioner Districts of Cumberland County	Ankeles, Dan	OTP	4/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	68		S1
SLG	1155	An Act to Ensure Appropriate County Government Operations Relating to the Position of Dedimus Justice	Flynn, Paul	ONTP	4/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1161	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Providing for the Popular Election of the Attorney General	Fredette, Kenneth	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1193	An Act to Require the Legislature to Elect Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor in Convention with an Open Ballot System	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Died On Adjournment				S1
SLG	1196	Resolve, to Require the Towns of Kittery and York to Develop a Boundary Description	Lawrence, Mark	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1214	An Act to Designate the Second Congressional District "Acadia"	Martin, Joseph	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/22/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1244	An Act to Establish Requirements for Warming Shelters	Milliken, Nina	ONTP	4/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1265	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Employee Market Pay Studies and Comprehensive Reviews of the Classification Plan for State Service Positions	Dhalac, Deqa	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025		Held by Governor				S1
SLG	1302	An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP	5/22/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	212		S1

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SLG	1303	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifications for the State Auditor	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM	6/5/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	287		S1
SLG	1331	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding When the Governor May Call the Legislature into Session	Morris, Joshua	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/22/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1372	An Act to Establish a Special Committee to Review Routine Technical Rules	Soboleski, Mike	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1383	An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations	Macias, Rafael		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	1388	An Act to Replace the Participation Threshold in Votes to Adopt or Alter a Municipal Charter with a Lower Approval Threshold	Bridgeo, William	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1417	An Act to Strengthen the Authority of Local Officials to Enforce Provisions Regarding Dangerous and Nuisance Properties that Constitute a Threat to Public Health and Safety	Libby, James	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1449	Resolve, Establishing the Working Group on Modernizing State Grants, Contracts and Procurement	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/12/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
SLG	1454	An Act to Redefine "Term" in the Law Governing Term Limits for Constitutional Offices	Bradstreet, Dick	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1462	An Act to Promote Artisans and the Creative Economy	Hepler, Allison	OTP/ONTP	5/22/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	319		S1
SLG	1483	An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings Conducted by the City of South Portland	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	5/22/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPS	6		S1
SLG	1494	Resolve, Directing the Office of Procurement Services to Study Adapting the Procurement Process to the State Climate Action Plan	Doudera, Victoria	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	70		S1

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SLG	1517	An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds with Approval Thresholds in Certain School, Municipal and County Measures	Sato, Ellie	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	1524	An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Exercise of Emergency Powers	Lee, Adam	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1539	An Act to Create a State Employee Compensation Stabilization Fund	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
SLG	1542	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee	Moore, Marianne	OTP-AM	6/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	290		S1
SLG	1546	An Act to Require Recommendations from Study Commissions to Be Printed as Legislative Documents	Bennett, Richard	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1553	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Supermajority of the Legislature to Approve Raising Taxes	Henderson, Rachel	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1556	Resolve, Regarding Increasing the Number of Kennebec County Commissioners	Collins, Alicia	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1560	An Act to Address Conflicts of Interest with Municipal Contracts	Hymes, Benjamin	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1563	An Act to Establish Content Standards for Legislation	Libby, Laurel	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/6/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1566	An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Certain Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups	DeBrito, Flavia	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/12/2025		Held by Governor				S1

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SLG	1573	An Act to Require Legislative Approval for Certain Emergency Powers of the Governor	Paul, Reagan	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1575	An Act to Allow a Legislator to Choose to Be Paid on an Annual Basis	Milliken, Nina	OTP-AM	6/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	482		S1
SLG	1577	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature	Rielly, Morgan		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	1593	An Act to Require Certain Public Entities to Define Their Use of the Term "Equity"	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/6/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1594	An Act to Change the Appropriation for the Governor's Expense Account and Create Transparency in Expenditures Made from That Account	Tuell, Will	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1628	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Regulate Exterior Lights	Quint, Tracy	ONTP	5/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1629	An Act to Require Legislative Committees to Provide Equal Time to Each Member of the Public Who Testifies	Quint, Tracy	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/4/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1635	An Act to Streamline Municipal Referenda Recount Initiation	Arata, Amy	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	268		S1
SLG	1649	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing and Improving the Effectiveness of the Legislature	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/12/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1
SLG	1668	An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature	Duson, Jill	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Held by Governor				S1
SLG	1673	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Facilitate the Inclusion of Economic Impact Statements in the Legislative Process	Roberts, Tiffany	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1
SLG	1741	An Act Regarding County Law Enforcement Administration and Rural Law Enforcement	Stover, Holly		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1

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SLG	1744	An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention	Rollins, David		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	1767	An Act to Amend the Waldo County Budget Adoption Process and Allow Residents Who Are Not Municipal Officers to Serve on the Waldo County Budget Committee	Curry, Chip	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
SLG	1776	An Act to Establish the Interdisciplinary Advisory Board for the State House Complex	Montell, Karen	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
SLG	1884	Resolve, to Increase the Number of Kennebec County Commissioners	Greenwood, Randall	OTP/ONTP	5/28/2025		Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report				S1
SLG	1934	An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025		Held by Governor				S1
SLG	1968	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Legislative Reimbursement	Moonen, Matt	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	490		S1
SLG	1969	An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act	Rielly, Morgan		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
SLG	1985	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission					Held by Governor				S1

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LD 3 An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 191 provides that the standard time for the State is the time as determined by 15 United States Code, Sections 260 to 267 except that the standard time year-round for the State is the time commonly known as eastern daylight time or eastern daylight saving time if federal law or regulation permits the year-round observation of eastern daylight time. Year-round eastern daylight time is effective immediately if federal law or regulation permits the year-round observation of eastern daylight time and the State is presently observing eastern daylight time. Year-round eastern daylight time is effective on the next start date of eastern daylight time after federal law or regulation permits the year-round observation of eastern daylight time if the State is not presently observing eastern daylight time.

LD 72 An Act to Designate the Spring Peeper as the Official State Amphibian

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 31 designates the spring peeper as the official state amphibian.

LD 73 An Act to Designate the Wood Turtle as the Official State Reptile

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 32 designates the wood turtle as the official state reptile.

LD 80 An Act to Designate the Seppala Siberian Sleddog as the Maine State Dog

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 56 designates the Seppala Siberian Sleddog as the official state dog.

LD 100 An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for the Informal Bidding Process for the Selection of Professional, Architect and Engineer Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 25 amends the law governing the informal bidding process for the selection of professional, architect and engineer services by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services through the use of a list of qualified service providers by increasing the cost of services limit in the law from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

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LD 119 An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 194 includes the declaration of an emergency by the President of the United States as a basis to allow the Governor to provide disaster relief to local governments.

LD 129 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Dedimus Justices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 273 amends the law governing dedimus justices in the following ways.

1. It sets the term of a dedimus justice's commission as a seven-year term. It exempts dedimus justices appointed prior to October 1, 2025 from the seven-year term provision.
2. It requires dedimus justices to provide written notice to the Governor and the Secretary of State of changes in name, residence or mailing address, e-mail address or telephone number.
3. It provides a process for a dedimus justice to resign the dedimus justice's commission.

The law also directs the Secretary of State to send a mailing to each person designated prior to October 1, 2025 as a dedimus justice pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 4 to request in return the person's updated contact information, including the person's residence or mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number. It requires that the mailing must also include information about the recent changes to Title 5, section 4 and make clear that a dedimus justice designated prior to October 1, 2025 is exempt from the new term length requirement. Additionally, the mailing must explain how these recent changes provide the opportunity for a dedimus justice to resign the dedimus justice's commission.

Public Law 2025, chapter 273 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2025.

LD 135 An Act to Provide Compensation to Members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Enhance Equitable Commission Participation from Across the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 177 authorizes members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to receive mileage and toll reimbursement for up to two meetings per year.

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LD 254 An Act to Designate November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 24 designates the month of November of each year as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and directs the Governor to issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the month through appropriate activities.

LD 286 An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 100 amends the law governing the date of payment for a county tax bill by municipalities by allowing county commissioners to establish a due date or dates for payment of the tax.

LD 321 An Act to Make May Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 81 designates the month of May of each year as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month and directs the Governor to issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the month through appropriate activities.

LD 358 An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 328 increases fees paid to a county register of deeds for certain services in the following ways.

1. It increases fees applicable to electronic or printed images from a county registry of deeds website and increases the surcharge a register of deeds may collect per document.
2. It repeals a \$13 fee for requests for more than one previously recorded instrument, removes all references to the term “electronic abstract” and repeals the definition of “electronic abstract”.
3. It requires county registers of deeds to send an electronic or paper copy of transfers received to the assessors of the appropriate municipality in the format requested by the assessors within 30 days of recordation instead of requiring county registers of deeds to send a photocopy of each warranty or quitclaim deed received as provided under current law. The law also clarifies that county registers of deeds may charge a reasonable fee for a paper copy provided.

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4. It establishes a flat fee for receiving, recording and indexing any instrument that may be recorded and for which a specific fee is not set forth in current law. These fees are \$25 per instrument recorded at the request of the State or a municipality and \$35 per instrument recorded at the request of all other persons.
5. It changes from 5¢ to 25¢ per image the cost for acquiring downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images from a county registry of deeds that is equipped to and voluntarily agrees to provide downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images pursuant to a written agreement with the person requesting the downloads.
6. It changes the number of electronic images or printed images a person can acquire in a calendar year for no charge from the first 500 electronic images or printed images to the first 400 electronic images. The law provides that the charge of 50¢ per subsequent electronic image after 400 images acquired in the same calendar year does not apply to municipalities and it introduces a \$1.00 charge per printed image, not including any applicable postage rates set by the county.

LD 434 An Act to Authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Issue Additional Securities for the Replacement of the Legislative Management System for the Senate and the House of Representatives

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 454 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 outstanding at any one time for paying the costs associated with planning, purchasing, customizing and implementing an integrated electronic legislative management system to replace the existing system for the Senate and the House of Representatives.

LD 556 An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 456 prohibits municipalities from prohibiting an individual or entity from using a heating or energy system for that individual's or entity's own heating or energy needs, including the heating or energy needs of a motor vehicle, or engaging the services of a person or energy distributor of that individual's or entity's choice unless the prohibition is otherwise authorized by statute.

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LD 567 An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May and the 2nd Week of September as Dark Sky Week

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 179 establishes the second full week in May and the second full week in September of each year as Dark Sky Week and directs the Governor to issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging citizens and schools to observe each week with appropriate activities and study.

LD 693 An Act to Support the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 117 establishes three positions in the Department of the Secretary of State's bureau of corporations, elections and commissions.

LD 702 An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 144 designates January 6th of each year as A Day to Remember. The law directs the Governor to annually issue a proclamation honoring the resilience of democracy during the events of January 6, 2021 in Washington, D.C., encouraging the people of the State to use the day as an opportunity for reflection on the values of democracy, civic responsibility and the importance of protecting constitutional governance and encouraging educational institutions, civic organizations and public libraries to observe the day with discussions, events and programming to educate citizens about the importance of civic engagement and the rule of law.

LD 731 An Act to Prohibit Municipalities from Barring the Creation of Homeless Shelters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 156 prohibits a municipality from prohibiting homeless shelters in the municipality but does not limit a municipality's home rule authority to reasonably regulate homeless shelters. The law defines "homeless shelter" as a housing facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary overnight accommodations to persons experiencing homelessness who are guests in either a dormitory-style or dwelling-unit-style arrangement or any combination of such arrangements.

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LD 857 An Act to Increase Government Transparency in the Procurement of Goods and Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 405 requires that, beginning January 1, 2026, the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall preserve, consistent with applicable record retention schedules established and published by the Department of the Secretary of State, Maine State Archives, and make available on a publicly accessible website all records and documents regarding the competitive bidding process, including notices of intent to waive competitive bidding and supporting documents and competitive solicitations and supporting documents, including question-and-answer summaries, evaluation team packets and award decision letters. The law provides that all proposals submitted in response to a solicitation and resulting in an award are public documents, unless otherwise excepted by statute. It also directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to the extent possible, to recover and publish on a publicly accessible website all past notices of intent to waive the competitive bidding process and supporting documents.

LD 915 An Act to Modernize Deed Duplication from Microfilm to a Digital Image

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 239 requires a register of deeds to make a record of an instrument recorded in the registry office in the form of a digital image stored on magnetic or optical media, not on microfilm as was previously required by law.

LD 954 An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 86 removes the requirement that, beginning with the 132nd Legislature, at least one member of the Government Oversight Committee be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters. It also removes language that states that no two members of the committee may be members of the same joint standing committee of the Legislature and also members of the same political party. These changes apply retroactively to December 4, 2024.

Public Law 2025, chapter 86 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2025.

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LD 1091 An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Requiring Opportunity for Public Comment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 409 requires that a reasonable opportunity for public comment must be provided on matters addressed by the municipal governing body of a municipality at any regularly scheduled public meeting of the municipal officers. This requirement does not apply to subcommittee meetings of a municipal governing body and does not preempt or restrict the municipal governing body from adopting and enforcing reasonable standards governing public comment, including time limits and conduct standards.

LD 1121 An Act to Ensure Equitable Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in State Buildings Open to the Public

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 474 requires that a public restroom in a public building owned by the State and constructed after the effective date of the law must be equipped with a safe, sanitary and appropriate diaper changing station and applies the same requirement to a public restroom within any portion of a public building owned by the State that was remodeled on or after the effective date of the law. The law also requires that if the only public restroom equipped with a diaper changing station within a public building owned by the State is restricted to a specific gender, another public restroom available to other genders must be equipped with a diaper changing station that is safe, sanitary and appropriate by January 1, 2029 or an earlier date if funding allows, whichever occurs first. The law permits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to accept outside funds for the purchase, construction and installation of diaper changing stations.

The law provides certain exceptions, including in cases where the construction required to comply with these provisions would not be feasible due to the cost or would not comport with rules adopted by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or would be inconsistent with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

LD 1153 An Act to Change in Statute the Areas Represented by the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena from Sets of Municipalities to the County Commissioner Districts of Cumberland County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 68 changes in statute the geographical areas represented by members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena from Portland and five sets of towns to the five county commissioner districts of Cumberland County.

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LD 1302 An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 212 modifies the provision of law governing voter petition for the deorganization of a municipality. That law had previously required a written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 50% of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, but not fewer than 10 voters, to request a municipal meeting to discuss and determine whether the municipality should deorganize. Public Law 2025, chapter 212 removes the stipulation that the petition must be signed by at least 10 voters.

LD 1303 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifications for the State Auditor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 287 amends the qualifications to be eligible for the office of State Auditor. It also revises language regarding the circumstances under which the deputy auditor is required to perform the duties of the State Auditor.

LD 1462 An Act to Promote Artisans and the Creative Economy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 319 provides that a municipality may not adopt or enforce any ordinance or regulation that prohibits the vending of expressive matter, except a municipality may adopt restrictions regulating the time, place and manner of the vending of expressive matter if the restrictions meet certain conditions. “Expressive matter” is defined as materials or objects created by a vendor with expressive content, including written material, such as newspapers, books or writings, and visual art, such as paintings, prints, photography or sculpture.

LD 1483 An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings Conducted by the City of South Portland

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 6 validates certain referendum proceedings conducted by the City of South Portland on November 5, 2024. It authorizes the City of South Portland to enter into contracts and issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to finance school maintenance and improvements and \$3,000,000 to finance school safety improvements. The law also validates the actions taken by the voters of the city to ratify and approve a charter amendment regarding the disposition of certain city-owned property and clarifies the City of South

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Portland's charter is amended to reflect the approved changes as set forth in the charter amendment question.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 6 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 9, 2025.

LD 1494 Resolve, Directing the Office of Procurement Services to Study Adapting the Procurement Process to the State Climate Action Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 70 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Procurement Services to coordinate with all executive branch departments, agencies, offices, boards and commissions to study adapting the State's procurement program to the state climate action plan and to report its findings and recommendations no later than December 3, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, which is authorized to report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Procurement Services must exclude from the study procurements conducted by the Public Utilities Commission for energy or transmission infrastructure pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A.

LD 1542 An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 290 requires the Washington County commissioners to select, by majority vote, one member who is a resident of the unorganized territory in Washington County who has not served in or been employed by Washington County government within the past three years and is not a current employee of Washington County government as a voting member of the budget advisory committee to serve a three-year term. It also requires the Washington County legislative delegation to select by majority vote, by October 15, 2025 and by October 15th of every odd-numbered year thereafter, one member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve on the budget advisory committee for a two-year term as a voting member. The Washington County legislative delegation was previously required by law to annually select one member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve as a nonvoting member on the budget advisory committee.

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LD 1575 An Act to Allow a Legislator to Choose to Be Paid on an Annual Basis

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 482 changes the law governing legislative pay. Previously, a Legislator received the salary for a biennium divided into equal payments spread out over the legislative session, beginning at the start of the session and ending on the date of statutory adjournment for that session with the balance paid at the end of each session. Public Law 2025, chapter 482 allows a Legislator to choose to be paid the salary for each year of the biennium to which that Legislator is entitled in approximately equal payments over that corresponding year of the biennium.

LD 1635 An Act to Streamline Municipal Referenda Recount Initiation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 268 requires that if a municipal referendum passes or fails by less than 1% of all the votes cast in the referendum, including any blank ballots cast, a recount may be conducted upon the majority vote of the municipal officers.

LD 1968 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Legislative Reimbursement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 490 changes the provisions of law governing legislative compensation. The law removes specific dollar amounts that Legislators may be reimbursed for meal allowances, travel-related expenses of a meal allowance and housing allowances and instead provides that the rate of these allowances must be set by the Legislative Council at the beginning of the first regular or second regular session of a legislative biennium. The law specifies that each member of the Senate and House of Representatives is entitled to a meal allowance of \$50 or a higher amount set by the Legislative Council and a housing allowance of \$70 or a higher amount set by the Legislative Council. These changes apply to allowances for days the Legislature is in session and for days the Legislature is not in session. The law also clarifies that to set the amount of the allowances, at least six members of the Legislative Council must vote in favor of the allowance at the beginning of the first regular session in a legislative biennium. The amount of an allowance set by the Legislative Council may not exceed the regular federal per diem rate for lodging, meals and incidental expenses applicable to that allowance.

The law clarifies that for the purposes of allowances for mileage on days that the Legislature is not in session, daily mileage is calculated for travel both to and from the Legislator's place of abode, determined by the most reasonable direct route.

The law amends the provision governing the salary owed to a person who replaces a member of the Legislature who has died or otherwise vacated the office. The law provides that the successor is entitled to a salary from the date the successor is seated equal to the salary that would have been

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afforded to the successor had the successor been seated at the start of the biennium, except that the salary must be prorated from the date the successor is sworn into office.