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LD 20 An Act Establishing a Vietnam War Remembrance Day

PUBLIC 92

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRIGGS PATRICK	OTP-AM	H-104 CORNELL DU HOUX H-29

This emergency bill designates March 29th of each year as Vietnam Veterans Day, in commemoration of the date in 1973 when the last United States troops were withdrawn from the war zone.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-29)

This amendment directs the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to work with the Governor's office and the United States Department of Defense to develop a program to commemorate the contribution of Maine veterans in the Vietnam War in conjunction with the 10-year federal program being developed to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

House Amendment "D" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-104)

This amendment changes the name of the day of observance from "Vietnam Veterans Day" to "Vietnam War Remembrance Day," changes the date from March 29th to March 30th and requires in 10 years a review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters of the statutory language establishing the day of remembrance. This amendment retains the provision in Committee Amendment "A" that directs the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to work with the Governor's office and the United States Department of Defense to develop a commemorative day to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The amendment removes the emergency preamble from the original bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 92 establishes Vietnam War Remembrance Day on March 30th of each year. It requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters to review the statutory language establishing the day of remembrance after 10 years. It directs the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to work with the Governor's office and the United States Department of Defense to develop a commemorative day to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

LD 32 An Act To Require an Independent Audit of State Government Every 4 Years

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA LANGLEY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill requires the State Controller within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to contract with an independent auditor to conduct a single fiscal year financial audit of State Government every 4 years beginning in 2013.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-150)

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This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

LD 33 An Act To Prohibit Constitutional Officers from Endorsing Candidates ONTP
for the Legislature

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA	ONTP	

This bill prohibits constitutional officers from endorsing candidates for the Legislature or using their titles or allowing their titles to be used for political purposes not necessary for the administration of their offices.

LD 40 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine DIED BETWEEN
To Reduce the Size of the House of Representatives HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 131 members. The proposal would be presented to the voters for their approval in November 2012, and after voter approval the Legislature that convenes in 2013 would submit a reapportionment plan to implement the reduction in the size of the House of Representatives. The reduction in the size of the House of Representatives would take effect in 2015.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-198)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "C" (S-169)

This amendment reduces the size of the Senate to an odd number of Senators, ranging from 31 to 33, beginning in 2015.

LD 62 An Act Relating to the State Bid Process ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS	ONTP	

This bill amends the competitive bid process by requiring that rules adopted by the State Purchasing Agent within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services allow bidders the option of submitting bids in hard-copy format.

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LD 69 An Act To Restore the Historical Town Boundary between Harpswell and Brunswick

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
OLSEN SAVIELLO	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill restores the historical boundary line between the Town of Harpswell and the Town of Brunswick.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-552)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It changes the boundary between the Town of Harpswell and the Town of Brunswick in the bill to exclude property that was inadvertently included and is currently within the boundary of the Town of West Bath. The amendment also preserves the Town of Brunswick's authority to regulate and enforce shellfish harvesting in the intertidal zone despite a change in the boundary.

LD 71 An Act To Designate the Whoopie Pie as the State Treat

PUBLIC 29

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS THOMAS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-20 PILON H-8

This bill designates the whoopie pie as the official state dessert.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, designates the whoopie pie as the official state treat rather than the state dessert. It also clarifies that it is made of two cakes rather than two chocolate cakes.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-20)

This amendment designates that the blueberry pie, made with wild Maine blueberries, is the official state dessert.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 29 designates the whoopie pie as the official state treat and the blueberry pie, made with wild Maine blueberries, as the official state dessert.

LD 72 An Act To Require State Agencies To Give Priority to State Armories When Renting Space for Meetings

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT FARNHAM	ONTP	

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This bill requires state departments and agencies that hold meetings or other activities outside of their normal locations to give priority to space in state armories within a reasonable distance unless another location is required by law or an armory is not available that contains facilities that are necessary for the meeting or activity. The substance of this bill was incorporated in Executive Order 15 FY 11/12.

**LD 81 An Act To Change the Name of Township 3, Range 9, NWP, to Cedar Lake Township P & S 2
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK H THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-15

This bill authorizes the Penobscot County commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 3, Range 9, NWP, to rename the township Cedar Lake Township.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)

This amendment clarifies that the bill is an emergency only for the purpose of submitting the question of the name change to the voters. The name change takes effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at the election. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 2 authorizes the Penobscot County commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 3, Range 9, NWP, to rename the township Cedar Lake Township.

Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2011.

LD 86 An Act To Provide Certainty to Businesses and Development PUBLIC 63

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM	S-33

This bill provides that a municipality may not nullify or amend a municipal land use permit by a subsequent enactment, amendment or repeal of a local ordinance after a period of 75 days has passed after the permit has received its lawful final approval and, if required, a public hearing was held on the permit. It also specifies that this provision does not affect any municipal ordinance that provides for a lapse of the permit or authority granted pursuant to the permit after a certain period of time.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-33)

This amendment changes the number of days after which a municipal land use permit may not be nullified or amended from 75 days, as proposed in the bill, to 45 days. The amendment clarifies that a municipal land use permit may not be nullified or amended by the nullification or amendment of another municipal permit.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 63 provides that a municipality may not nullify or amend a municipal land use permit by a subsequent enactment, amendment or repeal of a local ordinance after a period of 45 days has passed after the permit

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has received its lawful final approval and, if required, a public hearing was held on the permit. A municipal land use permit may not be nullified or amended by the nullification or amendment of another municipal permit. The law specifies that this provision does not affect any municipal ordinance that provides for a lapse of the permit or authority granted pursuant to the permit after a certain period of time.

LD 87 An Act Regarding the Official State Seal

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CELLI	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill provides that the official state seal is the seal in use by the Secretary of State on July 1, 2010.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-62)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that the official state seal continues to follow the description in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 201, but that its appearance may not change from the exact version in use by the Secretary of State on July 1, 2010.

LD 104 An Act Regarding Audits of State Agency Expenditures To Recover Overpayments and Lost Discounts

**PUBLIC 21
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY	OTP-AM	S-12

This bill requires the State Controller to contract with one or more consultants to conduct recovery audits of payments made by state agencies to vendors to identify payments made in error and to recommend improvements for state agency accounting. The bill enumerates authorized contract provisions and provides for the handling of confidential information by a contractor. It requires recovery audits of state agencies but allows the State Controller to exempt agencies with a low proportion of expenditures made to vendors. The bill requires agencies to use recovered money to pay the audit consultant responsible for the recovery and to return or expend recovered federal money according to the rules of the federal program through which the agency received the money. It also requires the State Controller to forward the audit reports to the Governor, the State Auditor and the Legislative Council and to issue a summary report to the Legislature on a biennial basis.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)

This amendment makes a number of changes to the bill requiring the State Controller to conduct recovery audits.

1. It adds to the definition of "overpayment" a commodity billed at an amount higher than negotiated in a contract or master agreement.
2. It requires recovery audits to be completed at least every 10 years.
3. It removes the exemption from the audit recovery process of a state agency that has a low proportion of its expenditures made to vendors.

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4. It removes the section that would have allowed an audit recovery consultant to pursue judicial action on behalf of the State.
5. It changes the way an audit recovery consultant is paid by setting up an audit recovery account out of which the consultant is paid.
6. It requires the State Controller to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government rather than the Legislature as a whole.
7. It makes rulemaking by the State Controller optional rather than mandatory.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 21 requires the State Controller to contract with one or more consultants to conduct recovery audits of payments made by state agencies to vendors to identify payments made in error and to recommend improvements for state agency accounting. A recovery audit must be conducted at least once every ten years. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall establish an audit recovery account in which all recovered money shall be deposited and the consultant shall be paid by the State Controller out of that account. The State Controller shall forward the audit reports to the Governor, the State Auditor, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on a biennial basis.

Public Law 2011, chapter 21 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2011.

LD 113 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Provide 4-year Terms and a Term Limit of 2 Terms for Legislators

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA THOMAS	ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to change the terms of Senators and members of the House of Representatives to four years beginning with the statewide election in 2012 and to correspondingly increase the span of a single Legislature from two to four years. It also proposes a term limit of no more than two consecutive terms.

LD 122 An Act To Change Health Care Provisions for Retired Legislators ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL KATZ	ONTP	

Current law allows a person who retires from the Legislature to participate in the State's group health plan as long as that person participated for at least one year in the group health plan prior to retiring. This bill removes from eligibility for participation in the group health plan a person who retires from the Legislature after January 1, 2011 and whose only creditable service is as a member of the Legislature. A person who has other creditable service as a teacher or member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System retains eligibility for participation in the group health plan upon retirement.

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LD 128 An Act To Provide Access to State Forms

PUBLIC 33

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY SULLIVAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-36

This bill requires state forms to be made available to a resident over 60 years of age who does not have home Internet access by regular mail at no cost up to a maximum of 10 pages per year. A fee may be charged for any additional page over the 10-page maximum.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, requires state entities to provide forms by regular mail at no cost to the requestor.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 33 requires state entities to provide forms by regular mail at no cost to the requestor.

**LD 153 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Provide for the Reduction of the Size of the Legislature**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HINCK SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 101 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members and no less than 31 members to 23 members. The redistricting will be done in 2013 during the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, and the reduction in the size of each legislative body takes effect in 2015.

**LD 158 An Act To Improve Public Understanding in the Rulemaking of Certain
Departments**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to make available to the public primary sources of information that support the primary provisions in proposed rules. The substance of this bill was incorporated into Public Law 2011, chapter 304 (LD 1).

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**LD 174 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Employment, Discipline and
Dismissal of Chief Deputy Sheriffs**

PUBLIC 15

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION	OTP-AM	H-16

This bill provides that the selection, employment and disciplinary restrictions placed on county officers and department heads with respect to their employees do not apply to a county sheriff with respect to the sheriff's chief deputy.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-16)

This amendment adds a requirement that the chief deputy sheriff hold the same qualifications as a sheriff.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 15 provides that the selection, employment and disciplinary restrictions placed on county officers and department heads with respect to their employees do not apply to a county sheriff with respect to the sheriff's chief deputy. It also requires the chief deputy sheriff to hold the same qualifications as a sheriff.

**LD 189 An Act To Achieve Cost Savings by Eliminating Deputy Commissioner
Positions throughout State Government**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill eliminates, by the end of fiscal year 2010-11, all deputy commissioner positions in State Government.

LD 214 An Act To Establish Governor William King Day

PUBLIC 17

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-6

This bill establishes Governor William King Day in honor of the first governor of Maine, on February 9th, William King's birthday.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-6)

This amendment establishes Governor William King Day on March 16th, to fall the day after Statehood Day, instead of February 9th.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2011, chapter 17 establishes Governor William King Day on March 16th, the day after Statehood Day.

LD 222 An Act To Provide for the Appointment of Division Directors in the Department of Environmental Protection INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO		

This bill adds division directors within bureaus of the Department of Environmental Protection to the list of major policy-influencing positions. The effect of this change is that these positions will no longer be classified service positions within an employee bargaining unit but will become unclassified service positions appointed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

This bill was not referred to committee but was indefinitely postponed on reference.

LD 278 An Act To Allow the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman To Adopt a Policy To Simplify the Municipal Disbursement Warrant Process P & S 13

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE A SHERMAN	OTP-AM	H-367

This bill allows municipalities that have entered into an interlocal agreement pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 115 to adopt a written policy that allows their treasurer to disburse money when a disbursement warrant has been signed by the chair of the municipal officers in each municipality involved in the interlocal agreement. Current law requires the warrant to be voted on and signed by a majority of the municipal officers in each municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-367)

This amendment replaces the bill. It amends the private and special law that allows the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman to use one depository account for the three towns. The amendment allows the three towns to adopt a policy to permit the disbursement of money when a warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers representing each town. A facsimile signature of the municipal officers may be used. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer in each town and renewed annually by a vote of the municipal officers in each town.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 13 allows the towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman to adopt a policy to permit the disbursement of money when a warrant has been signed by one or more designated municipal officers representing each town. A facsimile signature of the municipal officers may be used. The policy must be filed with the town clerk and the municipal treasurer in each town and renewed annually by a vote of the municipal officers in each town.

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LD 287 An Act To Provide Savings to the State by Contracting Out Certain Services Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WINSOR		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to identify the types of services provided by the State and the extent to which those services are provided by state employees or through contracts with private entities. The bill proposes the identification of the types of services provided by state employees that could be provided more effectively and with reduced cost by privately contracted services. The bill proposes to explore the practices of other states and identify private contracting practices that are effective and the actions that would be necessary to achieve similar benefits in Maine.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 322 An Act To Amend the Informed Growth Act PUBLIC 89

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK T	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-108

This bill repeals the Informed Growth Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-108)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and makes the following changes to the Informed Growth Act.

1. It provides that the provisions of the Informed Growth Act do not apply to a municipality unless the municipality adopts an ordinance that adopts by reference the Informed Growth Act.
2. It provides that municipalities that are subject to the Informed Growth Act by the adoption of such an ordinance receive the fee directly from the developer for the comprehensive economic impact study rather than through the Executive Department, State Planning Office and determine the amount of the fee.
3. The definition of "undue adverse impact" is amended to mean that the estimated overall negative effects outweigh the positive effects and removes the requirement that the estimated negative effects of at least two of the factors considered in the study outweigh the positive effects on those factors.
4. It provides that the municipality may determine which factors are considered in the comprehensive economic impact study.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 89 makes the following changes to the Informed Growth Act.

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1. It provides that the provisions of the Informed Growth Act do not apply to a municipality unless the municipality adopts an ordinance that adopts by reference the Informed Growth Act.
2. It provides that municipalities that are subject to the Informed Growth Act by the adoption of such an ordinance receive the fee directly from the developer for the comprehensive economic impact study rather than through the Executive Department, State Planning Office and determine the amount of the fee.
3. The definition of "undue adverse impact" is amended to mean that the estimated overall negative effects outweigh the positive effects and removes the requirement that the estimated negative effects of at least two of the factors considered in the study outweigh the positive effects on those factors.
4. It provides that the municipality may determine which factors are considered in the comprehensive economic impact study.

LD 329 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Elect State Senators by County

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROCKI	ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members to 32 members as a result of reapportioning to two Senators per county. The resolution also requires the redrawing of district lines, to occur during the regularly scheduled redistricting following the decennial census. The redistricting will be done in 2013.

LD 344 An Act To Authorize Cumberland County To Offer Certain ONTP
Educational Services

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to authorize Cumberland County, which recently adopted a comprehensive home rule charter by referendum, to provide regional educational services, including back-office services for school districts within the county, and specialized educational services such as regional vocational education, special education, a regional science and technology high school or other regional educational initiatives.

LD 345 An Act To Modernize the Functions of County Government ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KRUGER	ONTP	

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to realign the functions of state, county and municipal government to create a system of government that meets the needs of Maine citizens efficiently and effectively, reduces the overall cost of government and avoids duplication in services while protecting the health, safety and welfare of Maine residents.

LD 369 An Act To Authorize the Sale of Surplus Property to Nonprofit Animal Shelters PUBLIC 9

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL TRAHAN	OTP	

This bill allows nonprofit animal shelters to be considered qualifying nonprofit organizations for purposes of purchasing surplus property from the State.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 9 allows nonprofit animal shelters to be considered qualifying nonprofit organizations for purposes of purchasing surplus property from the State.

LD 392 An Act To Amend the Requirements for Publishing Municipal Legal Notices DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAYES	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill allows municipalities to publish legal notices either in a newspaper distributed by 3rd class mail or electronically as long as the municipal officers adopt a publication policy. Under the alternative newspaper distribution option, the locally adopted policy must meet two requirements:

1. All households in the municipality must receive the alternative newspaper; and
2. The municipality must retain a record of all notices published in the alternative newspaper.

Under the electronic media distribution option, the locally adopted policy must meet three requirements:

1. More than 50% of all households in the municipality must subscribe to receive electronic notices;
2. Subscription must be provided at no cost; and
3. The municipality must retain a record of all notices distributed electronically.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-145)

This amendment removes the provision from the bill permitting municipalities to publish legal notices electronically.

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LD 460 An Act To Require Executive Orders To Be Published Online

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WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	LV/WD	

This bill requires the Secretary of State to publish on a publicly accessible website all executive orders in effect and, for an executive order issued after this bill takes effect, within 24 hours of the order's issuance.

LD 478 An Act To Strengthen Maine Small Business by Establishing a Preference Percentage for State Contract Bids

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AYOTTE JACKSON	ONTP	

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adopt rules establishing a preference percentage of up to 15% for Maine small businesses bidding for state contracts. The rules are routine technical rules.

LD 494 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Schedule for Redistricting

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-565 KESCHL H-76

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to change the years of redistricting the Legislature after 2013 from 2023 and every 10th year thereafter to 2021 and every 10th year thereafter.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-76)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

House Amendment "B" (H-565)

This amendment includes in the constitutional resolution the reapportionment process for congressional districts and for county commissioner districts.

Enacted Law Summary

Constitutional Resolution 2011, chapter 1 is a resolution to amend the Constitution of Maine to change the years of redistricting the Legislature, congressional districts and county commissioner districts to 2021 and every 10th year

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thereafter. This resolution must be approved by a majority of the legal votes cast at the statewide election in November in order for this amendment to become part of the Constitution of Maine.

LD 497 An Act To Amend the Powers and Duties of Municipal Treasurers INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIFFORD THIBODEAU	OTP	

This bill provides that written policies adopted by municipal officers permitting certain disbursements remain in effect until amended or revoked instead of being renewed every year.

LD 541 An Act To Clarify the Boundary between the Town of Cushing and the Town of Friendship, Town of Warren, Town of Thomaston and Town of Waldoboro P & S 4

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON W TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-109

This bill clarifies the boundary line between the Town of Cushing and the Town of Friendship.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-109)

This amendment corrects some technical errors in the bill. It clarifies that the boundary being described is between the Town of Cushing and the Town of Friendship, Town of Warren, Town of Thomaston and Town of Waldoboro rather than only the Town of Friendship. It corrects a reference to the location of a monument and a reference to the thread of the Meduncook River. The amendment also requires the municipal officers of the towns to sign the plan before it is filed with the Registry of Deeds.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 4 clarifies the boundary between the Town of Cushing and the Towns of Friendship, Warren, Thomaston and Waldoboro. The municipal officers of the towns are required to sign the plan before it is filed with the Registry of Deeds.

LD 543 An Act To Protect Legislative Intent in Rulemaking Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PRESCOTT GOODALL		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill requires the review of agency rulemaking authority and establishes clearer distinctions between major substantive rules and routine technical rules to ensure that legislative grants of rulemaking authority are clear and specific enough to not result in agency misunderstanding of

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legislative intent or overly broad construction of the grant of rulemaking authority.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-546)

The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires that by January 15th of each year, an agency that has adopted a rule in the previous calendar year to provide a coordinated list of all rules to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, who is required to refer the list to the legislative committee with jurisdiction over those rules. The coordinated list must include the statutory authority for the rule, rule chapter number and title, principal reason or purpose for the rule, a written statement explaining the factual and policy basis for the rule, whether the rule was major substantive or routine technical, whether the rule was adopted as an emergency and the fiscal impact of the rule. The committee of jurisdiction is authorized to report out legislation in the same session to adjust the rulemaking authority of the agency if the legislative committee considers it necessary.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-671)

This amendment requires the Secretary of State, rather than state agencies as in Committee Amendment "A," to provide the Executive Director of the Legislative Council lists of all rules adopted by state agencies in the previous calendar year.

This bill was recommitted to committee and carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 587 An Act To Reduce the Cost of Delivering Certain State Services ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOSEL	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to have the State enter into pilot projects with one or more counties to demonstrate whether contracting with the counties would provide a savings to the taxpayers of the State. The services that could be the subject of such pilot projects include but are not limited to:

1. Rural law enforcement;
2. Regional human services delivery; and
3. Highway maintenance.

The pilot projects would rely on performance-based contracts between the State and one or more counties.

**LD 588 An Act To Require the Archives Advisory Board To Recommend MAJORITY
Candidates for State Archivist (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOSEL	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

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This bill requires the Archives Advisory Board to recommend candidates to the Secretary of State for the appointment of the State Archivist.

LD 594 Resolve, To Enhance Economic Development in the City of Eastport by Facilitating the Ability of the City of Eastport To transfer Ownership of Property RESOLVE 12 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-7

This resolve removes the language in current law that requires the City of Eastport to obtain authority from the Legislature before selling the property known as "the Boat School Property." This resolve also repeals language regarding the reservation of easements.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-7)

This amendment removes from the resolve the language related to Maine Community College System easements.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 12 removes the requirement for the City of Eastport to obtain authority from the Legislature before selling the property known as "the Boat School Property."

Resolve 2011, chapter 12 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2011.

LD 601 An Act To Set Aside One Percent of Committed State Funds for Food Projects ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLISS	ONTP	

This bill requires any person receiving money appropriated or allocated by the Legislature for the construction of public improvement projects to use 1% of those funds to support food projects according to standards established by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services. When possible, the food projects must be on the grounds of the public improvement project. Food projects include but are not limited to community gardens and landscape trees or plants that provide food.

LD 607 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the Governor To Be Elected by a Majority Vote MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

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This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that a candidate for Governor receive more than 50% of the votes cast to be elected. Currently, the candidate who receives the largest number of votes, regardless of that number's percentage of the total number of votes cast, becomes Governor. This resolution requires a run-off election between the two persons who received the largest number of votes when no candidate received more than 50% of the total number of votes cast. The person who receives the larger number of votes in the run-off election is declared Governor.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-31)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 644 An Act To Add Transit Services to the Growth Management Program MINORITY
Comprehensive Plan (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA KATZ	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill amends the laws regarding planning and land use regulation by amending the growth management program comprehensive plan elements to include transit services in the list of existing transportation systems.

**LD 669 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Change the Number of Members of the Legislature, the Length of
Legislative Sessions and the Requirements for Introduction of Bills in a
Second Regular Session**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the number of members of the Senate from between 31 and 35 to 17 and the number of members of the House of Representatives from 151 to 101 beginning with the 127th Legislature. The resolution also proposes to extend the length of legislative sessions and remove the requirements for introduction of bills in a second regular session.

**LD 681 An Act To Clarify the Operation of the Maine Commission for MAJORITY
Community Service (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOULTON	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill makes changes to the Maine Commission for Community Service. It allows the commission to hold no more than four meetings a year. It moves the administrative support for the commission from the Executive

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Department, State Planning Office to the office of the Secretary of State and prohibits the use of General Fund money for the administrative operations of the commission. It prohibits community service programs receiving grants from the commission from charging fees to participating individuals. It requires the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to review the local funding requirements for national service programs to determine whether participation in these programs creates a fiscal burden for municipalities by December 1, 2011. The committee may submit a bill related to the funding requirements in the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 687 An Act To Contract Out the State Single Audit

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(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKANE TRAHAN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill requires the State Controller to contract with an independent auditor to conduct the so-called state single audit of State Government every year beginning in 2012. The bill repeals the provision of law that currently gives the responsibility for the state single audit to the Department of Audit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-175)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 701 An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing County Sheriffs

PUBLIC 95

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION	OTP-AM	H-110

This bill describes the procedures that a board of county commissioners must use to determine the salary of the county sheriff. The bill establishes a procedure by which the county sheriff, if dissatisfied with the salary set by the board of county commissioners, may appeal that decision. The bill also describes the duties of the county sheriff.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-110)

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It corrects a cross-reference in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 373, subsection 1 that refers to county sheriffs receiving an annual salary as set out in Title 30-A, section 2. Public Law 2003, chapter 696 repealed the reference to the salaries of county officers in Title 30-A, section 2.
2. It removes the requirement for county sheriffs to be paid on intervals no less than once a month.
3. It removes the language that sets up a procedure for a county sheriff to appeal to the Superior Court if the sheriff

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is dissatisfied with the salary.

4. It strikes the words "incidental and irregular" from the section relating to a nonstandard work schedule and clarifies that the county sheriff works irregular hours.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 95 requires the board of county commissioners in each county to determine the salary of the county sheriff prior to the election of a sheriff. It clarifies that the county sheriff may work a nonstandard work schedule with irregular hours. It corrects a cross-reference in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 373, subsection 1 that refers to county sheriffs receiving an annual salary as set out in Title 30-A, section 2. Public Law 2003, chapter 696 repealed the reference to the salaries of county officers in Title 30-A, section 2.

LD 753 An Act To Establish Juneteenth Independence Day

PUBLIC 53

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARLOW GERZOFSKY	OTP	

This bill establishes the 3rd Saturday in June as Juneteenth Independence Day to commemorate the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the South.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 53 establishes the 3rd Saturday in June as Juneteenth Independence Day to commemorate the day freedom was proclaimed to all slaves in the South.

LD 769 An Act To Review the Functions of the State Planning Office

Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOULTON RECTOR		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to restructure the Executive Department, State Planning Office. This bill will retain within the State Planning Office those functions that are best performed by that office, and will remove to other offices and entities those functions that will be best performed by organizations other than the State Planning Office. As part of the restructuring, the roles of the regional planning commissions established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 119 will be more clearly defined, as will the role of the State Planning Office in the review of comprehensive plans developed pursuant to Title 30-A.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

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LD 780 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Limit the Number of Terms Served in Total

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOW	ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to limit the number of terms of office for State Senators and members of the House of Representatives to 8 terms in total.

LD 804 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine MINORITY
To Establish a Unicameral Legislature (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to abolish the Senate and the House of Representatives and to replace them with a unicameral Legislature made up of 151 members, who will be referred to as Senators. This reduction requires a reapportionment plan by the Legislature that convenes in 2013 so that the Legislature elected in November 2016 is unicameral.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-347)

This amendment strikes language regarding the applicability of requirements for the House of Representatives and the Senate to provisions regarding the unicameral Legislature, since both the House of Representatives and the Senate would cease to exist if the unicameral Legislature were approved.

LD 812 An Act To Allow Municipalities the Option To Subsidize Publicly PUBLIC 114
Owned Bus Stops through Advertising

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARLOW PATRICK	OTP-AM	H-169

This bill allows a municipality or other political subdivision of this State to erect and maintain outdoor advertising signs at a publicly owned bus stop. This bill defines "bus stop" as a place where a public transport bus stops for the purpose of allowing passengers to board or leave the bus. The bill provides that the municipality or political subdivision is responsible for administration of outdoor advertising signs of publicly owned bus stops. This bill requires that any revenue collected by a municipality or other political subdivision through the advertising must be used for transportation purposes, including, but not limited to, maintenance of a publicly owned bus stop.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-169)

This amendment removes from the bill the authority of a political subdivision of the State, other than a municipality,

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to erect and maintain advertising signs at a publicly owned bus stop.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 114 allows a municipality to erect and maintain outdoor advertising signs at a publicly owned bus stop. "Bus stop" is defined as a place where a public transport bus stops for the purpose of allowing passengers to board or leave the bus. The municipality is responsible for administration of outdoor advertising signs of publicly owned bus stops. Any revenue collected by a municipality through the advertising must be used for transportation purposes, including, but not limited to, maintenance of a publicly owned bus stop.

LD 840 An Act Regarding the Hiring of Immediate Family Members in State Government

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL C BLISS	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill requires the Governor, the Legislature and the constitutional officers to hire or promote staff within those offices based on qualifications and prohibits the hiring of family or household members. This bill also prohibits an employee from supervising a family or household member of that employee, which includes a spouse, domestic partner, parent, natural or legally adopted child, stepchild, sibling, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law. It does not apply to anyone hired or promoted in those offices prior to October 1, 2011.

LD 854 An Act To Require the Treasurer of State To Publish All State Liabilities

PUBLIC 188

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS	OTP-AM	S-148

This bill requires the Treasurer of State to publish all liabilities of the State on the publicly accessible portion of the treasurer's website.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)

This amendment specifies that the Treasurer of State must publish by July 31st of each year the latest information available regarding the liabilities of the State as of June 30th of that year. It also clarifies that "liabilities of the State" does not include state contracts for goods and services or vendor information.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 188 requires the Treasurer of State to publish by July 31st of each year the latest information available regarding the liabilities of the State as of June 30th of that year. "Liabilities of the State" includes all state debts, loans, bonds, unfunded liabilities and promises to pay, including issued and unissued bonds, pension liabilities, promises to provide health insurance in future years, Maine Governmental Facilities Authority bonds and any other debt or obligation that the State has guaranteed or promised to pay, but does not include state contracts for goods and services or vendor information.

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**LD 904 An Act To Make Changes to Boards and Commissions Concerning
Membership, Appointments and Terms**

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill makes the following changes to boards and commissions established by the Legislature.

1. The suggested legislation currently required by law to be submitted by the Secretary of State to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters must include provisions to repeal any board that has had vacancies in 2/3 or more of its membership for more than one year. The number of vacancies and the length of those vacancies are already included in the annual report from each board to the Secretary of State.
2. A member whose appointed term has expired and for whom no replacement member has been appointed may serve no more than an additional 12 months without formal reappointment.
3. A member of a board may serve no more than four terms on that board or the number of terms as provided by the statute governing the board, whichever is less.
4. The clerk of a board shall notify the Secretary of State of vacancies. The Secretary of State shall post all vacancies on a publicly accessible website. The posting must include brief information about the board, the requirements for the member, the length of the member's term and contact information for the appointing authority.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-182)

This amendment strikes the section of the bill that requires the Secretary of State to include in suggested legislation repeal of a board with vacancies in 2/3 or more of its membership. It also removes the section relating to term limits. The amendment requires that the Secretary of State post an annual report of appointments and reappointments to boards and commissions rather than a continuously updated list of vacancies. It also specifies that members of boards and commissions with expired terms may serve for 12 months after September 1, 2011 without being appointed to another term.

LD 940 An Act To Increase Access to State Rule-making Notices

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAYES	OTP-AM	H-445

This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of State publish proposed and adopted rules in the newspaper beginning July 1, 2012. It requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to issue a contract to provide a website for rulemaking notices in accordance with the competitive bid process pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 155. The website must be fully operational no later than July 1, 2012.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-445)

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This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Secretary of State to publish adopted rule notices only on the publicly accessible website maintained by the Secretary of State. The bill removes all proposed and adopted rules from publication in the newspaper beginning July 1, 2012. The amendment also requires the General Fund savings from reducing newspaper publication to be allocated to the Secretary of State to be used for improving the website and requires the Secretary of State to submit a progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 15, 2012. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

The substance of this amendment was incorporated into Public Law 2011, chapter 380, the biennial budget, and the bill died on the appropriations table on adjournment.

LD 942 An Act To Exempt Municipalities from Indemnification Provisions in State Contracts ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILL	ONTP	

This bill provides that the State, including state agencies, boards, commissions and departments, may not, by written agreement, require that it be held harmless or indemnified by a municipality for claims, unless grounded in bodily injury, including death, or property damage resulting from the sole negligence of the municipality or its agents, servants or employees.

LD 953 An Act To Establish the Maine Science Advisory Board ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHERMAN	ONTP	

This bill establishes the Maine Science Advisory Board. The Board consists of 16 members, serving 4 year terms, appointed by the Governor and the presiding officers. The Board shall summarize pertinent scientific studies with an emphasis on studies relevant to the subject of concern to the Legislature in an objective fashion understandable to legislators.

LD 954 An Act To Promote Rural Job Creation and Workforce Development ACCEPTED REPORT B (ONTP)

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARTLETT	OTP-AM A ONTP B	

This bill gives a preference in state contracting to bidders who primarily employ residents of the State and to bidders who coordinate with regional workforce development programs and who fill at least 20% of positions on the project with low-income or long-term unemployed people. The bill requires that successful bidders on public building or

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public works contracts with the State, counties, cities and towns and every charitable or educational institution that is supported in whole or in part by aid granted by the State or by a municipality commit to coordinate with regional workforce development programs and make best efforts to hire low-income and long-term unemployed people. The bill also requires state public works programs to give hiring preference to residents of the county where the work is being performed.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-189)

This amendment strikes out the sections of the bill relating to preferences for state bids. It also strikes out the section that gives preference in hiring residents of the county where the work on a public works project is being performed.

LD 973 An Act To Shorten the Legislative Sessions

**ACCEPTED
ONTP REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY SHERMAN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill shortens legislative sessions beginning with the 126th Legislature by setting a statutory adjournment date of April 15th for the first regular session and March 15th for the second regular session. It also correspondingly reduces the salary paid to legislators by 30% beginning with the 126th Legislature. It requires a special session of the Legislature to adjourn no later than five legislative days after its convening.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-190)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, shortens the legislative sessions beginning with the 126th Legislature by setting a statutory adjournment date of May 15th for the first regular session, rather than April 15th as in the bill, and April 15th for the second regular session, rather than March 15th. It reduces the salary paid to Legislators by 10% beginning with the 126th Legislature, rather than 30% as in the bill. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**LD 984 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Approve the Issuance of a Bond or
Security by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority**

**FINAL PASSAGE
FAILED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATERHOUSE ROSEN R	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-304 S-182 KATZ

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require a 2/3 vote of both Houses of the Legislature to authorize a bond or security to be issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-304)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and incorporates a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-182)

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This amendment exempts from the 2/3 vote requirement bonds or securities authorized by the Legislature prior to January 1, 2011.

LD 987 *An Act Regarding the Sale of Surplus Land Owned by the Department of Transportation* ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARTLETT	ONTP	

This bill provides guidelines for the sale of land in a residential area that is owned by the Department of Transportation and being sold by the Governor including provisions for the notification of the affected municipalities and abutting landowners.

LD 1002 *An Act To Encourage Affordable Housing in Municipal Zoning* ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOULTON RECTOR	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the current law to increase the availability of workforce housing and affordable housing. It proposes to create tools for municipalities to use to encourage developers to offer density bonuses, reduced lot sizes and other incentives for affordable housing.

LD 1008 *Resolve, To Encourage State Agencies To Limit Their Use of Social Security Numbers* RESOLVE 56

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNAPP	OTP-AM	H-303

This bill prohibits state agencies from including an individual's social security number in written correspondence. The prohibition does not apply to federal forms or tax forms. The bill defines "state agency" to mean the State and any office, department, agency, authority, commission, board, institution, hospital or other instrumentality of the State, including the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Maine Port Authority, the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Veterans' Homes, the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, the Maine Military Authority and all such other state entities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-303)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to create a policy to provide guidance to state agencies to limit their use of social security numbers in outgoing written correspondence and interdepartmental correspondence by either not including a social security number or using only the last four digits of a number.

Enacted Law Summary

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Resolve 2011, chapter 56 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to create a policy to provide guidance to state agencies to limit their use of social security numbers in outgoing written correspondence and interdepartmental correspondence by either not including a social security number or using only the last four digits of a number.

**LD 1079 An Act To Authorize Peaks Island, House Island, Pumpkin Knob and ONTP
Catnip Island To Secede from the City of Portland**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WEAVER SNOWE-MELLO	ONTP	

This bill authorizes the incorporation of Peaks Island, House Island, Pumpkin Knob and Catnip Island into the Town of Peaks Island if the legal residents of those territories approve separation from the City of Portland in a referendum to be held on January 10, 2012. If a majority approve separation, the Town of Peaks Island shall be incorporated on July 1, 2012. Part B of the bill clarifies the binding arbitration process. Part C of the bill specifies the liability and rights of the City of Portland and the Town of Peaks Island.

LD 1085 Resolve, Regarding Prequalification Standards for Contractors RESOLVE 74

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN T	OTP-AM	S-188

This bill directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to adopt the same annual contractor prequalification process as the Department of Transportation by January 1, 2012. It also directs the Bureau of General Services to adopt the same renewal prequalification process as the Department of Transportation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-188)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services and the Department of Transportation to jointly adopt one annual prequalification process to be used by contractors that wish to bid on projects administered by either agency. Contractors and other interested parties must be involved in the development of the single prequalification process. The new prequalification process must be in place by January 1, 2012. The Bureau of General Services and the Department of Transportation are required to report jointly to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 15, 2012 and the committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 74 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services and the Department of Transportation to jointly adopt one annual prequalification process to be used by contractors that wish to bid on projects administered by either agency. Contractors and other interested parties must be involved in the development of the single prequalification process. The new prequalification process must be in place by January 1, 2012. The Bureau of General Services and the Department of Transportation are required to report jointly to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 15, 2012 and the committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

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LD 1125 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government To Make Necessary Changes to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act

PUBLIC 244

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLAND THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-334

This bill implements the statutory recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government resulting from its study of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to Resolve 2009, chapter 207. This bill clarifies that a provisionally adopted major substantive rule submitted for legislative review after the statutory deadline for submission may not be finally adopted unless legislation authorizing its adoption is enacted into law or the agency follows the procedure under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 as amended in this bill and the Legislature fails to act. This bill also specifies that an emergency rule must include the agency's findings with respect to the existence of an emergency in a section labeled "findings" and that emergency rules proposed or adopted in whole or in part to satisfy the requirements of a temporary curtailment order must include a specification in the rule of the dollar amount of curtailed funds attributable to each change adopted in the rule.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-334)

This amendment removes the language of proposed rules from the provisions relating to emergency rules because emergency rules are only adopted and not proposed. The amendment also clarifies that the findings for an emergency rule must be included in the basis statement for the rule and not the rule itself.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 244 implements the statutory recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government resulting from its study of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to Resolve 2009, chapter 207. It clarifies that a provisionally adopted major substantive rule submitted for legislative review after the statutory deadline for submission may not be finally adopted unless legislation authorizing its adoption is enacted into law, or the agency follows the procedure under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 as amended in this law and the Legislature fails to act. It also specifies that the basis statement for an emergency rule must include a "findings" section that describes the existence of an emergency. Emergency rules adopted in whole or in part to satisfy the requirements of a temporary curtailment order must include a specification in the rule of the dollar amount of curtailed funds attributable to each change adopted in the rule.

LD 1128 An Act To Modify the Requirements for Municipal Code Enforcement Officer Training

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOULTON	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill transfers the responsibility to train municipal code enforcement officers from the Executive Department, State Planning Office to the Maine Community College System and transfers the responsibility to certify municipal code enforcement officers from the State Planning Office to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-601)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

LD 1144 An Act To Repeal Inactive Boards and Commissions

PUBLIC 344

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-472

This bill repeals boards and commissions that have failed to file an annual report as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12005-A for 2009 or 2010 and those that have reported inactivity during 2009 and 2010.

1. The boards and commissions repealed for failing to file annual reports are:
 - A. Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council;
 - B. Advisory Board of the Maine Learning Technology Fund;
 - C. Advisory Committee on School Psychological Service Providers;
 - D. Board of Directors of the Mixed Martial Arts Authority of Maine;
 - E. Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics;
 - F. Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard;
 - G. Driver Education and Evaluation Programs Appeals Board;
 - H. Interagency Review Panel;
 - I. Interdepartmental Committee on Transition;
 - J. Lobster Advisory Council;
 - K. Maine Council of Poverty and Economic Security;
 - L. Maine Food Policy Council;
 - M. Maine Fuel Board;
 - N. Maine Quality of Place Council;
 - O. Maine Vaccine Board;
 - P. New England Board of Higher Education;
 - Q. Prison Industries Advisory Council;

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- R. Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission;
 - S. Publicly Supported Private Secondary School Advisory Council;
 - T. Seed Potato Board;
 - U. State Employee Health Commission; and
 - V. We Support Our Troops Advisory Board.
2. The boards and commissions repealed for inactivity are:
- A. Advisory Board for the Licensing of Taxidermists;
 - B. Advisory Committee on Fair Competition with Private Enterprise;
 - C. Aquaculture Advisory Council;
 - D. Education Commission of the States;
 - E. Judicial Compensation Commission;
 - F. Maine Biomedical Research Board;
 - G. Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board;
 - H. Notary Public Review Board;
 - I. Policy Review Council;
 - J. Railroad Crossing Information Council;
 - K. Submerged Lands Advisory Board; and
 - L. Travel Information Advisory Council.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-472)

This amendment removes the following boards and commissions from the bill so that they will not be repealed:

- 1. Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council;
- 2. Advisory Board for the Licensing of Taxidermists;
- 3. Advisory Board of the Maine Learning Technology Fund;
- 4. Advisory Committee on Fair Competition with Private Enterprise;
- 5. Advisory Committee on School Psychological Service Providers;
- 6. Board of Directors of the Mixed Martial Arts Authority of Maine;
- 7. Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics;

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8. Driver Education and Evaluation Programs Appeals Board;
9. Interagency Review Panel;
10. Judicial Compensation Commission;
11. Lobster Advisory Council;
12. Maine Biomedical Research Board;
13. Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board;
14. Maine Fuel Board;
15. Maine Quality of Place Council;
16. Maine Vaccine Board;
17. New England Board of Higher Education;
18. Prison Industries Advisory Council;
19. Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission;
20. Seed Potato Board; and
21. State Employee Health Commission.

It also removes the Railroad Crossing Information Council from the bill because it has already been repealed in Public Law 2011, chapter 79. The amendment also corrects cross-references for boards and commissions that are being repealed in the bill. The amendment changes the year that the Secretary of State is required to submit suggested legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters to on or before January 30th in the second regular session of the biennium instead of in the first regular session. Suggested legislation for the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature may only include boards that did not file an annual report of activities for 2011 and will not include boards that have reported inactivity for that one year.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 344 repeals the following boards and commissions that failed to file an annual report as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12005-A for 2009 or 2010 or reported inactivity during 2009 and 2010:

1. Aquaculture Advisory Council;
2. Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard;
3. Education Commission of the States;
4. Interdepartmental Committee on Transition;
5. Maine Council of Poverty and Economic Security;

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- 6. Maine Food Policy Council;
- 7. Notary Public Review Board;
- 8. Policy Review Council;
- 9. Publicly Supported Private Secondary School Advisory Council;
- 10. Submerged Lands Advisory Board;
- 11. Travel Information Advisory Council; and
- 12. We Support Our Troops Advisory Board.

Public law 2011, chapter 344 also changes the year that the Secretary of State is required to submit suggested legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters to on or before January 30th in the second regular session of the biennium instead of in the first regular session. Suggested legislation for the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature may only include boards that did not file an annual report of activities for 2011 and will not include boards that have reported inactivity for that one year.

LD 1183 Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Extinguish RESOLVE 33
Certain Easements

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP	

This resolve directs the Maine Community College System to extinguish any easement rights it holds in property it conveyed pursuant to Resolve 2007, chapter 116, section 1.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 33 directs the Maine Community College System to extinguish any easement rights it holds in property it conveyed pursuant to Resolve 2007, chapter 116, section 1.

LD 1213 An Act To Provide Funding for a Convention Center or Civic Center in ONTP
Cumberland County

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLUMMER GERZOFISKY	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill seeks to provide a funding mechanism, including a local option tax, for the construction or renovation of a convention center or civic center in Cumberland County.

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LD 1220 An Act To Improve the Workplace for State Employees

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE M JACKSON	ONTP	

This bill amends Public Law 2003, chapter 20, Part U, which directs all state agencies to implement measures to reduce energy consumption, to allow a manager or supervisor to regulate the thermostat to ensure that an entire work area reaches the required temperature and to allow the use of ceramic space heaters.

**LD 1221 An Act To Encourage Prompt Payments by the State When It Contracts
with Outside Agencies**

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOULTON SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	H-389 H-594 MOULTON

Current law allows a vendor to charge a reasonable late fee if a state agency does not make the required payment for an invoice on time. This bill requires a state agency that does not make the required payment on time to pay a late fee of 1.5% per month unless the contract includes a different amount to be levied if payment is late.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-389)

This amendment changes the rate of a late fee if a state agency does not make the required payment for an invoice on time from 1.5% to 1% per month of the amount owed unless the contract includes a different amount to be levied if payment is late.

House Amendment "B" (H-594)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill and specifies that the legislation applies to contracts entered into on or after the effective date.

This bill died on the appropriations table on adjournment.

LD 1223 An Act Regarding Credit Card Transactions for InforME Services

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL KATZ	ONTP	

This bill requires any fee charged for using a credit card to pay a municipal charge, such as a tax or license fee, through the InforME system to be paid by the user and not the municipality.

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The substance of this bill was incorporated into LD 1521 which was enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 321.

LD 1248 An Act To Require Approval by the Voters of Legislation To Enact or Increase a Tax or Fee MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THIBODEAU	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill provides that a measure enacted by the Legislature that would create or increase a tax or fee may not take effect until the measure has been approved by the voters at the next statewide election and requires the Secretary of State to post information regarding the measure on its website and include the information on the ballot.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-224)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and requires the creation or increase of a tax generating \$10,000,000 or more annually to be approved by the voters unless the measure is approved by a vote of 2/3 of all the members elected to each chamber of the Legislature. It also removes the requirement that the Secretary of State prepare information about how the projected new revenue is intended to be used.

LD 1257 An Act Regarding Labor Contracts for Public Works Projects PUBLIC 463

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLOWMAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-254 S-318 THOMAS

This bill provides that the plans, specifications and contract documents for a public works project may not require bidders, contractors or subcontractors to enter into or comply with certain agreements with labor organizations. The bill also provides a cause of action to challenge the awarding of a contract that violates these provisions.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-254)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, specifies that a public authority may not impose as a condition of awarding a bid a requirement on an employer to enter into or comply with certain agreements with labor organizations. The amendment removes an employee of a bidder, contractor or subcontractor for a public works contract and a taxpayer from the definition of "interested party," which describes those who have standing to bring action to challenge the awarding of a public works contract for violating these provisions. It clarifies that the court determines other appropriate relief to be awarded in an action rather than stating that an interested party that prevails in an action is entitled to any other appropriate relief requested by that party.

Senate Amendment "C" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-318)

This amendment specifies that for public works contracts entered into by the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority for a construction project awarded or renewed from October 1, 2011 to October 1, 2015, the contract may not include, as a condition of awarding a bid, a requirement on an employer to enter into or comply

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with certain agreements with labor organizations. A project may be exempted from this requirement if special circumstances require an exemption and it is in the best economic interest of the project. The amendment also removes the language relating to penalties for violation and corrects a clerical error regarding the scope of application of a definition section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 463 provides that for public works contracts entered into by the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority for a construction project awarded or renewed from October 1, 2011 to October 1, 2015, the contract may not include, as a condition of awarding a bid, a requirement on an employer to enter into or comply with certain agreements with labor organizations. A project may be exempted from this requirement if special circumstances require an exemption and it is in the best economic interest of the project.

LD 1261 An Act Relating to Selection of Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor

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(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLOWMAN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill provides a mechanism for a voter referendum on candidates for Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General. Nomination, party qualification and manner of filling vacancies leading up to the referendum are conducted in the same manner as for candidates for Governor. The selection of individuals to hold the offices of Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General continues to be made by the Legislature as provided in the Constitution of Maine. The bill also provides for the election of the State Auditor by the voters.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-44)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1297 An Act Relating to the Qualifications for the Position of Municipal Officer

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA SHERMAN	ONTP	

This bill prohibits, in municipalities that do not have a town manager, a municipal officer or selectman from being an employee of that same town at the same time the person is serving as a municipal officer. The bill allows a municipal officer who is an employee of the municipality on the effective date of this Act to serve the remainder of the municipal officer's term, and if the municipal officer is running for reelection and the election is within six months of the effective date of this Act, the municipal officer may serve the next term if the municipal officer is reelected.

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LD 1312 An Act To Require That Notaries Public Keep Records of Notarial Acts INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLOWMAN	OTP-AM	

This bill requires record keeping for all notarial acts performed by a notary public.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-117)

This amendment changes the provision of the bill that permits a notary public to accept identification documents for witnesses and instead requires a credible witness to be personally known to the notary public. It also allows the Secretary of State to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the commission of a notary public if the notary public fails to perform the record keeping required by law.

**LD 1321 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine LEAVE TO
To Allow for the Appointment of County Sheriffs, Judges and Registers WITHDRAW
of Probate**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS WOODBURY	LTW	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow a county with a county charter that includes a provision for the county commissioners to appoint judges of probate, registers of probate and sheriffs. It does not change the requirement for these positions to be elected if the county has not adopted a charter or has adopted a charter that does not provide for the appointment of these positions. Resolve 1967, chapter 77 repealed the Constitution of Maine, Article VI, Section 6, regarding the election of judges and registers of probate, contingent upon the Legislature's enactment of a different Probate Court system with full-time judges. That contingency has not occurred, allowing for this constitutional amendment.

LD 1343 An Act To Limit Interest Assessed against Municipalities INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILLWAY COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-323

This bill prohibits a business concern from charging a municipality interest on a proper invoice submitted to the municipality less than 26 days after receipt of the invoice by the municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-323)

This amendment changes the amount of time that a business concern is prohibited from charging a municipality interest on the balance of a proper invoice from 26 days to 30 days. It also exempts public utilities from the

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prohibition.

LD 1359 An Act To Enhance Local Control of Noise Ordinances ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT	ONTP	

This bill gives municipalities the authority to adopt ordinances to regulate noise and amends the laws governing motor vehicle noise to restore the laws that existed prior to Public Law 2009, chapter 639.

LD 1373 Resolve, To Produce Cost Savings by Requiring the State E-mail System To Be Hosted by Google ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE A MASON	ONTP	

This resolve requires InforME to implement a change of the official state e-mail system to a system that is hosted by Google, Inc.

LD 1389 An Act To Require Certain Costly Rules To Be Approved by the Legislature ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHERMAN	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to require that a routine technical agency rule that would cost the State \$1,000,000 must be considered by the Legislature before final adoption by an agency in the same manner as a major substantive rule pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.

LD 1410 An Act To Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act PUBLIC 326

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	OTP-AM	H-368

This bill requires each state agency to maintain a rulemaking docket on the agency's publicly accessible website listing any proposed rules or modifications to rules under active consideration by the agency. The rulemaking docket must list for each proposed rule or modification of a rule the specific subject matter of the proposed rule or modification of a rule, agency contact information, status within the agency and information regarding any pending

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proceedings concerning the proposed rule or modification of a rule.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-368)

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires agencies to post on their websites proposed and adopted rules or provide a link to the rules posted on the Secretary of State's website.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 326 requires agencies to post on their websites proposed and adopted rules or provide a link to the rules posted on the Secretary of State's website.

LD 1416 An Act To Provide Options to Municipalities Concerning the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

PUBLIC 408

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKANE THIBODEAU	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-553

Current law requires the adoption of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code by all municipalities with more than 2,000 residents by July 1, 2012, including those municipalities without a building code. An ordinance that conflicts with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code is considered void as of December 1, 2010.

Beginning December 1, 2012, this bill requires a municipality, regardless of size, that has adopted a building code, including a building code or portion of a building code related to residential, commercial or existing structures or an energy code, as of January 1, 2011, to adopt the comparable portion of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. The municipality is required to adopt only that portion of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code that relates to the code already in place in that municipality. This bill also delays voidance of a conflicting municipal ordinance until December 1, 2012.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-553)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It changes the threshold for municipalities that must adopt the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from municipalities with more than 2,000 residents to municipalities with more than 4,000 residents. It requires the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to adopt, amend and maintain an individual uniform statewide building code and a uniform statewide energy code that municipalities up to 4,000 residents may choose to adopt. If a municipality with up to 4,000 residents chooses to adopt a building code or an energy code it must adopt the statewide version adopted by the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, or it may adopt the entire Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. A municipality with up to 4,000 residents may choose to have no code.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-288)

This amendment strikes Committee Amendment "A" and the bill and replaces them with language that gives municipalities the option to exempt from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code any residential remodeling or additions on single-family residential buildings constructed prior to December 1, 2010. This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 408 changes the threshold for municipalities that must adopt the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from municipalities with more than 2,000 residents to municipalities with more than 4,000 residents. It requires the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to adopt, amend and maintain an individual uniform statewide building code and a uniform statewide energy code that municipalities up to 4,000 residents may choose to adopt. If a municipality with up to 4,000 residents chooses to adopt a building

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code or an energy code it must adopt the statewide version adopted by the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, or it may adopt the entire Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. A municipality with up to 4,000 residents may choose to have no code.

LD 1442 An Act To Clarify Enforcement of Maine's Building Codes

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARTLETT	ONTP	

This bill makes the following changes to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code:

1. It clarifies that the Code must be adopted and enforced by all municipalities with a population of more than 2,000 residents by July 1, 2012;
2. It clarifies that a municipal ordinance that is inconsistent with the Code is void in a municipality that has adopted the Code. This provision applies retroactively to the date of adoption of the Code, which is December 1, 2010 for certain municipalities;
3. It requires the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to provide written notice of the existence of the Code to an applicant for a building permit in an unorganized or deorganized territory; and
4. It prohibits a person from serving as a 3rd-party inspector for the purposes of enforcing the Code in a municipality in which that person is appointed a building official.

LD 1445 An Act To Provide More Efficient Notice of Public Activities

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAYES	ONTP	

This bill changes the requirement for public notices to be published in a newspaper. Beginning July 1, 2013, a state agency may no longer publish a legal notice, legal advertising or other matter required by law to be published in a newspaper but must instead post such notices on a publicly accessible website maintained by the State. "State agency" is defined as any unit of State Government, including any state board or commission but not including the Legislature, the Judicial Department, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy. The Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall contact all state agencies to determine all instances of legal notice publication requirements existing in the Maine Revised Statutes and request recommendations from those agencies regarding which notices should continue to be published in a newspaper after July 1, 2013. The Secretary of State and the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall jointly submit a report based on the recommendations from the state agencies, along with any necessary implementing legislation to the Joint Standing Committee of State and Local Government by December 15, 2012, and the committee is authorized to report out legislation to enact those recommendations.

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LD 1460 An Act Concerning the Recording of Plans for Subdivisions

PUBLIC 245

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS	OTP-AM	S-175

This bill requires a municipality to allow at least 90 days to record a subdivision plan, plat or document after municipal approval.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-175)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 245 requires a municipality to allow at least 90 days to record a subdivision plan, plat or document after municipal approval.

LD 1476 An Act To Streamline the County Budget Process

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA SULLIVAN	ONTP	

This bill amends the county budget procedures for York County and Waldo County in the following ways.

1. For York County, this bill renames the York County Budget Committee the York County Budget Advisory Committee, requires 5 of the 10 voting members to be from the public and requires its chair be an appointed public member. This bill also requires a unanimous vote by the York County commissioners to amend the budget sent to them by the York County Budget Advisory Committee, changes the provisions concerning interim budgets and adds provisions concerning budget amendments.

2. For Waldo County, this bill renames the Waldo County Budget Committee the Waldo County Budget Advisory Committee, requires 6 of the 9 voting members to be from the public and requires its chair be an appointed public member. This bill also requires a unanimous vote by the Waldo County commissioners to amend the budget sent to them by the Waldo County Budget Advisory Committee, changes provisions concerning interim budgets and amends the provisions concerning budget amendments.

LD 1481 An Act To Require the State To Transfer Employee Pension Premium Payments to the Employee's Pension Plan within 2 Business Days

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	ONTP	

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This bill provides the requirement that payroll deductions for individual retirement accounts, simplified employee pension plans and tax-deferred arrangements for state employees must be transferred into the accounts within two business days of the deduction.

LD 1492 An Act To Ensure Accountability in State Contracts

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-262 S-278 ALFOND

This bill requires any request for proposal or solicitation of a bid by the State for a contract for the provision of property, products or services by the state budget to include certain defining information and requires the information to be posted on the publicly accessible portion of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services website.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-262)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that the posting of information on the website of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services relates to contracts for purchases and not to contracts in a budget. It also moves the provision from the chapter on general provisions of finance to the chapter on purchases in the Maine Revised Statutes. It removes the language relating to posting information on the estimated cost of providing the products or services and the estimated number of employees required to fulfill the contract.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-278)

This amendment provides that the collection and posting of information on the website of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services applies only to contracts that exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill died on the appropriations table on adjournment.

LD 1499 An Act Concerning Fees for Users of County Registries of Deeds

**PUBLIC 378
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA KATZ	OTP-AM	H-503 S-280 THOMAS

This bill allows county commissioners to consider the revenue needs of the county in establishing reasonable fees for copies and abstracts provided by the registry of deeds offices.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-503)

The bill requires county commissioners to consider the revenue needs of the county in setting reasonable fees for making abstracts and copies from records. This amendment replaces that provision with a set charge of \$1 for paper copies and 50¢ for digital copies. These per page fees apply to all copies, including requests for bulk transfers of

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copies. The amendment specifies that the legislative intent is that fees that have been authorized by the counties in the past are considered reasonable. The amendment retains the retroactive application to September 1, 2009 but removes reference to pending litigation.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-280)

This amendment provides that the fees that may be collected by a register of deeds are \$5 per page for making paper abstracts and copies of plans, \$1 per page for other paper abstracts and copies, 50¢ per page for digital abstracts and copies and 5¢ per page for copies of 1,000 or more digital abstracts and copies of consecutive records. The amendment also repeals the fee changes July 31, 2012 and restores current fee provisions on that date.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 378 sets the fees that may be collected by a register of deeds. The fees are \$5 per page for making paper abstracts and copies of plans, \$1 per page for other paper abstracts and copies, 50¢ per page for digital abstracts and copies and 5¢ per page for copies of 1,000 or more digital abstracts and copies of consecutive records. This law applies retroactively to September 1, 2009. The fees set in this law are repealed on July 31, 2012 and the current fee provisions are restored on that date.

Public Law 2011, chapter 378 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2011.

**LD 1518 An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Regarding Notice and ONTP
Publication of Unclaimed Property**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NASS	ONTP	

This bill amends the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act to remove the requirement that the Treasurer of State publish in a newspaper of general circulation in Maine a notice of unclaimed property that has been paid or delivered to the treasurer.

**LD 1533 An Act To Provide for a Method To Remove an Elected Municipal PUBLIC 324
Official EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-480

This bill establishes a procedure to recall an elected municipal official if that municipality's ordinances or charter do not address the issue. An elected official may be the subject of a recall only for neglect of duty, misconduct or malfeasance in office and after being given a written statement of the charges.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-480)

This amendment narrows the circumstances under which an elected municipal official can be recalled. It requires the elected municipal official to have been convicted of a crime in which the criminal conduct occurred during the official's term of office and in which the victim of the crime is the municipality.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-264)

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This amendment establishes a procedure to recall elected officials, rather than only municipal officials. This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 324 establishes a procedure to recall an elected municipal official if that municipality's ordinances or charter do not address the issue. An elected official may be the subject of a recall only if that official has been convicted of a crime in which the criminal conduct occurred during the official's term of office and in which the victim of the crime is the municipality.

Public Law 2011, chapter 324 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 13, 2011.

LD 1550 An Act To Change Document Filing Fees for County Registries of Deeds Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOULTON COLLINS		

This bill increases the fee for recording an instrument, including plans, at all registries of deeds by \$12.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 1552 Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Rockwood and Sinclair in the Unorganized Territory and To Extend the Dates To Sell Real Property in Bangor, Augusta, Skowhegan, Frenchville and Hallowell RESOLVE 70

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA	OTP-AM	H-473

This resolve authorizes the State to sell or lease specific land and buildings in the unorganized territories that are no longer necessary to the Department of Education and directs the proceeds of any sale and lease to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-473)

This amendment adds to the resolve the substance of four resolves that authorized the sale of various state properties but which were repealed by their own terms before the sales were complete. The amendment reauthorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to complete the sale or lease of properties in Bangor, Augusta, Skowhegan, Frenchville and Hallowell as set out in Resolve 2003, chapter 92, Resolve 2005, chapters 177 and 209 and Resolve 2007, chapter 150.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 70 authorizes the State to sell or lease specific land and buildings in the unorganized territories that are no longer necessary to the Department of Education and directs the proceeds of any sale and lease to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund. Resolve 2011, chapter 70 also reauthorizes the

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Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to complete the sale or lease of properties in Bangor, Augusta, Skowhegan, Frenchville and Hallowell as set out in Resolve 2003, chapter 92, Resolve 2005, chapters 177 and 209 and Resolve 2007, chapter 150. The resolves authorizing the sale or lease of these properties were repealed by their own terms before the sales were complete.

**LD 1572 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine DIED BETWEEN
To Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State, Attorney HOUSES
General, Treasurer of State and State Auditor**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that provides for direct popular election beginning in 2012 of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General biennially and for direct popular election of the State Auditor every 4 years in the manner currently provided for Senators and Representatives.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-153)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that, beginning in 2014, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General be elected by the people every 4 years in the same manner as members of the Senate and House of Representatives. The amendment also removes a provision in the resolution that provides for the popular election of the State Auditor.

**LD 1584 Resolve, To Allow the State To Continue Efforts To Sell or Lease RESOLVE 99
Certain Real Property in the City of Hallowell EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TREAT MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-627

Current law authorizes the State to sell or lease certain real property in the City of Hallowell. This resolve authorizes the extension of the terms of the lease with the school administrative unit that includes the City of Hallowell and references the actual property description of the subject property rather than referencing the legislation authorizing the sale or lease.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-627)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 99 authorizes the extension of the terms of the lease with the school administrative unit that includes the City of Hallowell during the process of the state selling or leasing certain real property in the City of Hallowell.

Resolve 2011, chapter 99 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 22, 2011.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 1588 An Act To Provide Funding for the Reapportionment Commission

**PUBLIC 418
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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H-677 CURTIS

This bill moves a portion of the funding for reapportionment from fiscal year 2012-13 to fiscal year 2011-12 to fund the reapportionment of the State's congressional districts.

House Amendment "A" (H-677)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 418 moves a portion of the funding for reapportionment from fiscal year 2012-13 to fiscal year 2011-12 to fund the reapportionment of the State's congressional districts. Public Law 2011, chapter 418 was enacted without reference to any committee.

Public Law 2011, chapter 418 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2011.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

SUBJECT INDEX

Boards and Commissions

Enacted

LD 1144 **An Act To Repeal Inactive Boards and Commissions** **PUBLIC 344**

Not Enacted

LD 904 **An Act To Make Changes to Boards and Commissions
Concerning Membership, Appointments and Terms** **DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

Constitutional Officers

Not Enacted

LD 33 **An Act To Prohibit Constitutional Officers from Endorsing
Candidates for the Legislature** **ONTP**

LD 1261 **An Act Relating to Selection of Constitutional Officers and the
State Auditor** **MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

LD 1572 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of
State, Attorney General, Treasurer of State and State Auditor** **DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

County Budget Process

Not Enacted

LD 1476 **An Act To Streamline the County Budget Process** **ONTP**

County Government

Enacted

LD 174 **An Act To Amend the Law Governing Employment, Discipline
and Dismissal of Chief Deputy Sheriffs** **PUBLIC 15**

LD 701 **An Act To Amend Certain Laws Governing County Sheriffs** **PUBLIC 95**

LD 1499 **An Act Concerning Fees for Users of County Registries of Deeds** **PUBLIC 378
EMERGENCY**

Not Enacted

LD 344 **An Act To Authorize Cumberland County To Offer Certain
Educational Services** **ONTP**

LD 345	An Act To Modernize the Functions of County Government	ONTP
LD 1321	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow for the Appointment of County Sheriffs, Judges and Registers of Probate	LEAVE TO WITHDRAW
LD 1550	An Act To Change Document Filing Fees for County Registries of Deeds	Carried Over

Departments and Agencies of State Government

Enacted

LD 128	An Act To Provide Access to State Forms	PUBLIC 33
LD 854	An Act To Require the Treasurer of State To Publish All State Liabilities	PUBLIC 188
LD 1008	Resolve, To Encourage State Agencies To Limit Their Use of Social Security Numbers	RESOLVE 56

Not Enacted

LD 32	An Act To Require an Independent Audit of State Government Every 4 Years	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 72	An Act To Require State Agencies To Give Priority to State Armories When Renting Space for Meetings	ONTP
LD 189	An Act To Achieve Cost Savings by Eliminating Deputy Commissioner Positions throughout State Government	ONTP
LD 222	An Act To Provide for the Appointment of Division Directors in the Department of Environmental Protection	INDEF PP
LD 687	An Act To Contract Out the State Single Audit	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 769	An Act To Review the Functions of the State Planning Office	Carried Over
LD 1220	An Act To Improve the Workplace for State Employees	ONTP
LD 1445	An Act To Provide More Efficient Notice of Public Activities	ONTP
LD 1518	An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Regarding Notice and Publication of Unclaimed Property	ONTP

Informed Growth Act

Enacted

LD 322	An Act To Amend the Informed Growth Act	PUBLIC 89
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Legislature and Legislative Process

Enacted

LD 494	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Schedule for Redistricting	CON RES 1
LD 1588	An Act To Provide Funding for the Reapportionment Commission	PUBLIC 418 EMERGENCY

Not Enacted

LD 40	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the House of Representatives	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
LD 113	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide 4-year Terms and a Term Limit of 2 Terms for Legislators	ONTP
LD 122	An Act To Change Health Care Provisions for Retired Legislators	ONTP
LD 153	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Reduction of the Size of the Legislature	ONTP
LD 329	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Elect State Senators by County	ONTP
LD 669	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Number of Members of the Legislature, the Length of Legislative Sessions and the Requirements for Introduction of Bills in a Second Regular Session	ONTP
LD 780	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit the Number of Terms Served in Total	ONTP
LD 804	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Unicameral Legislature	MINORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 953	An Act To Establish the Maine Science Advisory Board	ONTP
LD 973	An Act To Shorten the Legislative Sessions	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 984	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Approve the Issuance of a Bond or Security by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority	FINAL PASSAGE FAILED
LD 1248	An Act To Require Approval by the Voters of Legislation To Enact or Increase a Tax or Fee	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

Miscellaneous

Not Enacted

LD 588	An Act To Require the Archives Advisory Board To Recommend Candidates for State Archivist	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 607	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the Governor To Be Elected by a Majority Vote	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 681	An Act To Clarify the Operation of the Maine Commission for Community Service	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 1213	An Act To Provide Funding for a Convention Center or Civic Center in Cumberland County	ONTP

Monuments and Memorial Days

Enacted

LD 20	An Act Establishing a Vietnam War Remembrance Day	PUBLIC 92
LD 71	An Act To Designate the Whoopie Pie as the State Treat	PUBLIC 29
LD 214	An Act To Establish Governor William King Day	PUBLIC 17
LD 753	An Act To Establish Juneteenth Independence Day	PUBLIC 53

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Enacted

LD 81	An Act To Change the Name of Township 3, Range 9, NWP, to Cedar Lake Township	P & S 2 EMERGENCY
LD 86	An Act To Provide Certainty to Businesses and Development	PUBLIC 63
LD 278	An Act To Allow the Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman To Adopt a Policy To Simplify the Municipal Disbursement Warrant Process	P & S 13
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LD 1416	An Act To Provide Options to Municipalities Concerning the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code	PUBLIC 408
LD 1460	An Act Concerning the Recording of Plans for Subdivisions	PUBLIC 245
LD 1533	An Act To Provide for a Method To Remove an Elected Municipal Official	PUBLIC 324 EMERGENCY

Not Enacted

LD 69	An Act To Restore the Historical Town Boundary between Harpswell and Brunswick	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 392	An Act To Amend the Requirements for Publishing Municipal Legal Notices	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
LD 497	An Act To Amend the Powers and Duties of Municipal Treasurers	INDEF PP
LD 644	An Act To Add Transit Services to the Growth Management Program Comprehensive Plan	MINORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 1002	An Act To Encourage Affordable Housing in Municipal Zoning	ONTP
LD 1079	An Act To Authorize Peaks Island, House Island, Pumpkin Knob and Catnip Island To Secede from the City of Portland	ONTP
LD 1128	An Act To Modify the Requirements for Municipal Code Enforcement Officer Training	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 1223	An Act Regarding Credit Card Transactions for InforME Services	ONTP
LD 1297	An Act Relating to the Qualifications for the Position of Municipal Officer	ONTP
LD 1343	An Act To Limit Interest Assessed against Municipalities	INDEF PP
LD 1359	An Act To Enhance Local Control of Noise Ordinances	ONTP
LD 1442	An Act To Clarify Enforcement of Maine's Building Codes	ONTP

Notaries Public

Not Enacted

LD 1312	An Act To Require That Notaries Public Keep Records of Notarial Acts	INDEF PP
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Rulemaking

Enacted

LD 1125	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government To Make Necessary Changes to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act	PUBLIC 244
LD 1410	An Act To Amend the Maine Administrative Procedure Act	PUBLIC 326

Not Enacted

LD 158	An Act To Improve Public Understanding in the Rulemaking of Certain Departments	ONTP
LD 543	An Act To Protect Legislative Intent in Rulemaking	Carried Over
LD 940	An Act To Increase Access to State Rule-making Notices	DIED ON ADJOURNMENT
LD 1389	An Act To Require Certain Costly Rules To Be Approved by the Legislature	ONTP

State Contracts and Fiscal Procedures

Enacted

LD 104	An Act Regarding Audits of State Agency Expenditures To Recover Overpayments and Lost Discounts	PUBLIC 21 EMERGENCY
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Not Enacted

LD 62	An Act Relating to the State Bid Process	ONTP
LD 478	An Act To Strengthen Maine Small Business by Establishing a Preference Percentage for State Contract Bids	ONTP
LD 601	An Act To Set Aside One Percent of Committed State Funds for Food Projects	ONTP
LD 942	An Act To Exempt Municipalities from Indemnification Provisions in State Contracts	ONTP
LD 954	An Act To Promote Rural Job Creation and Workforce Development	ACCEPTED REPORT B (ONTP)
LD 1221	An Act To Encourage Prompt Payments by the State When It Contracts with Outside Agencies	DIED ON ADJOURNMENT
LD 1492	An Act To Ensure Accountability in State Contracts	DIED ON ADJOURNMENT

State Government - General

Enacted

LD 369	An Act To Authorize the Sale of Surplus Property to Nonprofit Animal Shelters	PUBLIC 9
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Not Enacted

LD 87	An Act Regarding the Official State Seal	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 287	An Act To Provide Savings to the State by Contracting Out Certain Services	Carried Over
LD 460	An Act To Require Executive Orders To Be Published Online	LEAVE TO WITHDRAW
LD 587	An Act To Reduce the Cost of Delivering Certain State Services	ONTP
LD 840	An Act Regarding the Hiring of Immediate Family Members in State Government	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 1373	Resolve, To Produce Cost Savings by Requiring the State E-mail System To Be Hosted by Google	ONTP
LD 1481	An Act To Require the State To Transfer Employee Pension Premium Payments to the Employee's Pension Plan within 2 Business Days	ONTP

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Enacted

LD 594	Resolve, To Enhance Economic Development in the City of Eastport by Facilitating the Ability of the City of Eastport To transfer Ownership of Property	RESOLVE 12 EMERGENCY
LD 1183	Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Extinguish Certain Easements	RESOLVE 33
LD 1552	Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Rockwood and Sinclair in the Unorganized Territory and To Extend the Dates To Sell Real Property in Bangor, Augusta, Skowhegan, Frenchville and Hallowell	RESOLVE 70
LD 1584	Resolve, To Allow the State To Continue Efforts To Sell or Lease Certain Real Property in the City of Hallowell	RESOLVE 99 EMERGENCY

Not Enacted

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