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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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| | LD 2228 | An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions | PUBLIC 704 |
| Not Enacted | LD 616 | An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission to Commemorate the United States of America's 250th Birthday in 2026 | Died On Adjournment |
| | LD 624 | Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program | Died On Adjournment |
| | LD 634 | Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal and County Mandates | Died On Adjournment |
| | LD 1577 | Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature | ONTP |
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Constitutional Amendments

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| Not Enacted | LD 1052 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer | Died On Adjournment |
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Constitutional Officers

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| Not Enacted | LD 1052 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer | Died On Adjournment |
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| | LD 2214 | An Act to Confirm and Finalize the Boundary Between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York | P & S 16 |
| Not Enacted | LD 849 | An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members | ONTP |

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| Enacted | LD 1265 | An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Employee Market Pay Studies and Comprehensive Reviews of the Classification Plan for State Service Positions | PUBLIC 539 |
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| | LD 2093 | An Act to Codify and Update a Provision of Private and Special Law Governing Temporary Disability for State Employees | PUBLIC 629 |
| | LD 2148 | An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Health Insurance Premium Cap for State Employees | PUBLIC 685 |
| | LD 2180 | An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Regarding the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and the State Civil Service Appeals Board | PUBLIC 663 |
| Not Enacted | LD 1539 | An Act to Create a State Employee Compensation Stabilization Fund | Died On Adjournment |

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| Not Enacted | LD 1449 | Resolve, Establishing the Working Group on Modernizing State Grants, Contracts and Procurement | Died On Adjournment |
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| Enacted | LD 1004 | An Act to Adjust Certain Implementation and Reporting Dates in Legislation Held by the Governor That Became Law | PUBLIC 757 |
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| | LD 2092 | An Act to Update Certain Terms and References Regarding Information Technology and Cybersecurity | PUBLIC 698 |
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| Not Enacted | LD 564 | An Act to Improve the Operations of State Government | Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 |
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| | LD 1383 | An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations | ONTP |
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| Enacted | LD 1668 | An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature | PUBLIC 505 |
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| Not Enacted | LD 590 | An Act Regarding the Inclusion of Racial and Other Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process | Died On Adjournment |
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| | LD 695 | An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine | Died Between Houses |
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| | LD 1673 | Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Facilitate the Inclusion of Economic Impact Statements in the Legislative Process | Died On Adjournment |
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| Not Enacted | LD 984 | An Act to Require State-owned or Leased Buildings Occupied by 50 or More Executive Branch Employees to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator and One Bleeding Control Kit | Died On Adjournment |
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| Enacted | LD 2069 | An Act Designating July 21st as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day | PUBLIC 564 |
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| Not Enacted | LD 273 | An Act Related to the Issuance of Subpoena Power to Entities Created by Executive Order | Died On Adjournment |
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| Enacted | LD 1969 | An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act and Clarify the Definition of "Virtual Currency" | PUBLIC 675 |
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| Not Enacted | LD 1059 | An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under the United States Constitution, Article V | Minority (ONTP) Report |
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| SLG | 273 | An Act Related to the Issuance of Subpoena Power to Entities Created by Executive Order | Lee, Adam | OTP-AM | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 564 | An Act to Improve the Operations of State Government | Baldacci, Joseph | LTW | Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | |
| SLG | 590 | An Act Regarding the Inclusion of Racial and Other Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process | Talbot Ross, Rachel | OTP-AM/ONTP | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 616 | An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission to Commemorate the United States of America's 250th Birthday in 2026 | Greenwood, Randall | OTP-AM | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 624 | Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program | Osher, Laurie | OTP-AM/ONTP | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 634 | Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal and County Mandates | Tuell, Will | OTP-AM/ONTP | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 695 | An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine | Pierce, Teresa | OTP-AM/OTP-AM/OTP-AM | Died Between Houses | | | |
| SLG | 849 | An Act to Establish a Recall Process for Public School Board Members | Sayre, Dan | ONTP | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | |
| SLG | 984 | An Act to Require State-owned or Leased Buildings Occupied by 50 or More Executive Branch Employees to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator and One Bleeding Control Kit | Moore, Marianne | OTP-AM | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 1004 | An Act to Adjust Certain Implementation and Reporting Dates in Legislation Held by the Governor That Became Law | Moonen, Matt | OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP | Enacted | PL | 757 | |
| SLG | 1052 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer | Salisbury, Suzanne | OTP-AM | Died On Adjournment | | | |

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| SLG | 1059 | An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under the United States Constitution, Article V | Greenwood, Randall | OTP-AM/ONTP | Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report | | | |
| SLG | 1265 | An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Employee Market Pay Studies and Comprehensive Reviews of the Classification Plan for State Service Positions | Dhalac, Deqa | OTP-AM/ONTP | Enacted | PL | 539 | |
| SLG | 1383 | An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations | Macias, Rafael | ONTP | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | |
| SLG | 1449 | Resolve, Establishing the Working Group on Modernizing State Grants, Contracts and Procurement | Tipping, Michael | OTP-AM/OTP-AM | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 1539 | An Act to Create a State Employee Compensation Stabilization Fund | Tipping, Michael | OTP-AM/ONTP | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 1566 | An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Certain Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups | DeBrito, Flavia | OTP-AM/ONTP | Enacted | PL | 503 | |
| SLG | 1577 | Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature | Rielly, Morgan | ONTP | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | |
| SLG | 1649 | Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing and Improving the Effectiveness of the Legislature | Stewart, Trey | OTP-AM/ONTP | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 1668 | An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature | Duson, Jill | OTP-AM/ONTP | Enacted | PL | 505 | |
| SLG | 1673 | Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Facilitate the Inclusion of Economic Impact Statements in the Legislative Process | Roberts, Tiffany | OTP-AM/ONTP | Died On Adjournment | | | |
| SLG | 1741 | An Act Regarding Vacancies in the Office of Sheriff | Stover, Holly | OTP-AM | Enacted | PL | 572 | |
| SLG | 1744 | An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention | Rollins, David | OTP-AM | Enacted | PL | 623 | |

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| SLG | 1934 | An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting | Osher, Laurie | OTP-AM/ONTP | Enacted | PL | 516 | |
| SLG | 1969 | An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act and Clarify the Definition of "Virtual Currency" | Rielly, Morgan | OTP-AM | Enacted | PL | 675 | |
| SLG | 1985 | An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission | | OTP | Enacted | PL | 518 | |
| SLG | 2009 | An Act to Clarify the Requirements of a County Audit | Moore, Marianne | OTP-AM | Enacted | PL | 673 | |
| SLG | 2042 | An Act to Clarify the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper | Black, Russell | OTP-AM | Enacted | PL | 613 | |
| SLG | 2069 | An Act Designating July 21st as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day | Tuell, Will | OTP | Enacted | PL | 564 | |
| SLG | 2092 | An Act to Update Certain Terms and References Regarding Information Technology and Cybersecurity | Salisbury, Suzanne | OTP-AM/ONTP | Enacted | PL | 698 | |
| SLG | 2093 | An Act to Codify and Update a Provision of Private and Special Law Governing Temporary Disability for State Employees | Salisbury, Suzanne | OTP | Enacted | PL | 629 | |
| SLG | 2138 | Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in Bangor | Baldacci, Joseph | OTP | Finally Passed | Resolve | 155 | |
| SLG | 2139 | Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in East Millinocket | Stewart, Trey | OTP | Finally Passed | Resolve | 152 | |
| SLG | 2148 | An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Health Insurance Premium Cap for State Employees | Reny, Cameron | OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP | Enacted | PL | 685 | |
| SLG | 2158 | An Act to Address Vacancies on the Knox County Budget Committee | Pluecker, Bill | OTP-AM | Emergency Enacted | P&S | 14 | |

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| SLG | 2180 | An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Regarding the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and the State Civil Service Appeals Board | Salisbury, Suzanne | OTP-AM | Enacted | PL | 663 | |
| SLG | 2214 | An Act to Confirm and Finalize the Boundary Between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York | Mathieson, Kristi | OTP-AM | Emergency Enacted | P&S | 16 | |
| SLG | 2228 | An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions | | OTP-AM | Enacted | PL | 704 | |

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LD 1004 An Act to Adjust Certain Implementation and Reporting Dates in Legislation Held by the Governor That Became Law

Public Law 2025, chapter 757 updates, as necessary, certain dates for implementation or reporting contained in legislation held by the Governor that became law in January 2026. Upon the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session of the 132nd Legislature on June 25, 2025, the Governor remained in possession of certain legislation finally enacted or passed by the Legislature and presented to the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of such legislation not signed by the Governor was determined in January 2026 during the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. Public Law 2025, chapter 757 updates the following dates for implementation or reporting contained in such legislation held by the Governor that became law in January 2026, as described below.

1. Part A amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 500 governing the activities of the Maine Aomori Sister-State Advisory Council to provide that the first annual report of that council to the Governor and to the Legislature is due by February 1, 2027 instead of by February 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
2. Part B amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 508 requiring the University of Maine System to report to the Legislature regarding the establishment and implementation of a rural practice track at the University of Maine School of Law. It provides that this report must be submitted no later than January 1, 2027 instead of no later than January 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
3. Part C amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 510 governing the accessibility of law enforcement agency policies and procedures to provide that a law enforcement agency must publish and make publicly available its policies and procedures by January 1, 2027 instead of by January 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
4. Part D amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 512 requiring the Department of Administrative Services, Office of Cannabis Policy to provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review rules necessary to implement a medical cannabis research grant program. It provides that those rules must be submitted for legislative review on or before January 8, 2027 instead of on or before January 9, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
5. Part E amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 520 as follows.
 - A. It amends the law governing the activities of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Commission to provide that the first annual report of the commission to the Governor and the Legislature is due by January 1, 2027 instead of by January 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
 - B. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to conduct a funding needs analysis of communities seeking to engage in regional collaboration or the adoption of a regional model in the delivery of

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emergency medical services. It provides that the report regarding that funding needs analysis must be submitted to the Legislature on or before December 15, 2026 instead of on or before December 3, 2025, as was previously provided in law.

- C. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to submit to the Legislature a report, including proposed draft legislation, for the reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services' Board. It provides that this report must be submitted by December 15, 2026 instead of by December 3, 2025 as was previously provided in law.
 - D. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services to implement a public information campaign regarding emergency medical services and to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the initiation of the campaign regarding resource needs for the campaign. It provides that this report must be submitted by December 15, 2026 instead of by December 3, 2025 as was previously provided in law and that the public information campaign must be implemented by July 1, 2027 instead of by July 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
6. Part F amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 522 as follows.
- A. It amends a provision of law requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, after October 1, 2025, to notify the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters whenever a children's residential care facility ceases operations. It changes the start date for this notification requirement to October 1, 2026.
 - B. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a child residential treatment provider stakeholder group and to submit a report to the Legislature. It changes the date that report is due from no later than December 3, 2025 to no later than January 15, 2027.
 - C. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and submit to the Legislature a report regarding children's behavioral health services data. It changes the date that report is due from no later than December 3, 2025 to no later than January 15, 2027.
7. Part G amends the effective date provision in Public Law 2025, chapter 523 to indicate that chapter 523 takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature, instead of January 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
8. Part H amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 529 requiring school administrative units, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, to develop and implement a policy regarding access to automated external defibrillators at school-sponsored athletic events. It provides that this requirement begins with the 2027-2028 school year instead.
9. Part I amends provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 536 as follows.

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- A. It amends the provision of law requiring the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to develop and initiate a tick laboratory instant lottery game. It requires that lottery game to be initiated no later than July 1, 2027 instead of no later than July 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
 - B. It amends the provision of that public law requiring the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the status of the tick laboratory instant lottery game. It provides that this report is due by December 15, 2029 instead of by December 15, 2028 as was previously provided in law.
10. Part J amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 119 governing the date by which the Department of Health and Human Services is required to issue a request for applications for a grant to establish a pilot program to develop one child assertive community treatment team to serve the Lewiston or Bangor geographic area. It changes that date to March 1, 2027 instead of March 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
11. Part K amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 121 governing the activities of the Maine Arts Commission to require that the commission report its findings, including any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by January 15, 2027 instead of December 3, 2025 as was previously provided in law.
12. Part L amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 122 governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Legislature on data collected by the department on the number of mathematics classes required for a high school diploma at secondary schools in the State. It changes the date that the report is due to January 15, 2027 instead of January 15, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
13. Part M amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 124 governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Legislature on its review of teacher mentoring programs in public schools in the State. It changes the date that the report is due to February 15, 2027 instead of February 16, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
14. Part N amends Resolve 2025, chapter 125 as follows.
- A. It amends the provision of law governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Legislature on the results of a survey sent to all administrative units in the State to collect data and information on the status of personal finance education in schools. It changes the date that the report is due to January 15, 2027 instead of January 15, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
 - B. It amends the provision of law providing that the Department of Education is required to convene a working group of relevant stakeholders to develop recommendations on increasing accessibility to personal finance education to students in the State of all grade

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levels. It changes the date that the working group must be convened to January 2027 instead of January 2026 as was previously provided in law.

- C. It amends the provision of law governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report to the Legislature on the findings and recommendations of the working group. It changes the date that the report is due to March 1, 2027 instead of March 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
15. Part O amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 126 governing the distribution by the Department of Education of best practices for training in de-escalation and behavior intervention to all school administrative units developed pursuant to the resolve. It changes the date by which those best practices must be distributed to September 1, 2027 instead of September 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
16. Part P amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 127 governing the date by which the Department of Education is required to submit a report on abbreviated school day placements to the Legislature. It changes the date by which that report is due to February 1, 2027 instead of February 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
17. Part Q amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 128 governing the date by which the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is required to submit a report of the working group established in the resolve to the Legislature. It changes the date by which that report is due to January 31, 2027 instead of January 31, 2026 as was previously provided in law.
18. Part R amends provisions passed in Resolve 2025, chapter 130 governing the date by which the Department of Corrections is required to report its findings related to the study required in the resolve on the extent of gender inequality present in the programs, services, facilities and policies administered or overseen by the department to the Legislature. It changes the date that report is due to January 15, 2027 instead of December 3, 2025 as was previously provided in law.
19. Part S amends Resolve 2025, chapter 131 as follows.
- A. It updates any references to the former Governor’s Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources, pursuant to Public Law 2025, chapter 476 (LD 1270).
 - B. It amends the date by which the Department of Energy Resources is required to submit a report to the Legislature on the evaluation required in this resolve. It changes the date by which that report is due to February 1, 2027 instead of February 1, 2026 as was previously provided in law.

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LD 1265 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Public Employee Market Pay Studies and Comprehensive Reviews of the Classification Plan for State Service Positions

Public Law 2025, chapter 539 modifies the provisions of civil service law requiring periodic market pay studies and periodic review of the plan for state employee job classification by requiring that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources issue a request for proposals and contract with an experienced contractor to complete those market pay studies and reviews. It also provides one-time funding to contract with a consultant to complete market pay studies and reviews prior to the report deadline of September 30, 2028.

Public Law 2025, chapter 539 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 539 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1566 An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Certain Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups

Public Law 2025, chapter 503 amends the law governing compensation and reimbursement for expenses for board members serving on advisory boards and boards with minimal authority established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I. It provides an exception for boards that are not currently authorized to receive compensation or reimbursement for expenses to allow board members who have lived experience, or first-hand knowledge or direct experience related to the content, subject matter, responsibilities or authority of the board that helps increase equity in the representation of perspectives and backgrounds of members, to receive lived experience compensation if they are not otherwise compensated for their time serving on such a board by their employer or the entity they represent and the member is explicitly identified as a member representing lived experience in the statutory language establishing the member's position as a member of a board.

Public Law 2025, chapter 503 also allows the Secretary of State to provide compensation to members representing lived experience and provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2025-26 of \$5,000. It provides that if a department or agency of State Government with which a board is associated does not have sufficient money in the budget of the department or agency to provide compensation and reimburse expenses to members representing lived experience, a member representing lived experience or the board with which the member is associated may apply for compensation from the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State is required to develop, as necessary, policies or procedures to prioritize compensation for members representing lived experience, and compensation is only allowable to the extent that funding is available.

Public Law 2025, chapter 503 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor.

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Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 503 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1668 An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature

Public Law 2025, chapter 505 removes the requirement that a vote to extend the length of a regular session of the Legislature beyond the statutory adjournment date be done by 2/3 of the members of the Senate and House present and voting and instead requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Senate and House present and voting.

Public Law 2025, chapter 505 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 505 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1741 An Act Regarding Vacancies in the Office of Sheriff

Public Law 2025, chapter 572 provides that, in the case of a vacancy in the office of sheriff, if the county political committee submits one or more recommendations to the Governor for consideration for appointment as sheriff, the chief deputy exercising the same rights and powers of the sheriff during the vacancy of the office of sheriff must be included for consideration for appointment as sheriff if the chief deputy is enrolled in the same political party as the sheriff whose term is vacant. The law also specifies that if the office of sheriff becomes vacant because of death, resignation or otherwise, the chief deputy has and may exercise the same rights and powers and is subject to the same duties and liabilities as a sheriff until the vacancy in the office of sheriff is filled as provided in the Constitution of Maine.

LD 1744 An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention

Public Law 2025, chapter 623 makes the following changes to the laws governing recruitment and retention adjustments for state employees in the classified service.

1. It requires a state agency or bargaining agent to file a request for a recruitment and retention adjustment with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources on forms prescribed by the bureau.
2. It establishes that a recruitment and retention adjustment may be authorized by the State Human Resources Officer only when justified by prescribed conditions. It also, subject to certain exceptions, requires a committee to be established to evaluate each request from a state agency or bargaining agent for a recruitment and retention adjustment.

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3. It establishes a preliminary review process to be completed by the State Human Resources Officer when a request for a recruitment and retention adjustment is filed. The purpose of the preliminary review is to determine the extent to which vacancy rates, turnover rates or other workforce indicators identified in the request are attributable to certain conditions that would not require a committee to be formed to evaluate the request. This preliminary review process must be completed within 30 days following the receipt of the request.
4. It requires a recruitment and retention adjustment to be reviewed at least every four years in alignment with the market pay study required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7061, subsection 4, paragraph B and adjusted to changes in the labor market or the overall relation of the standard pay policy to the specialized labor market.
5. It establishes an appeals process for decisions of the State Human Resources Officer.
6. It establishes that if resources within a department or agency budget do not exist to fund an approved adjustment, the State Human Resources Officer must submit the cost items for inclusion in the Governor's next operating budget. If the Legislature does not appropriate the requested funds, the department or agency is not obligated to make the adjustment.

LD 1934 An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting

Effective September 30, 2026, Public Law 2025, chapter 516 requires that public outdoor lighting installed or replaced after October 1, 2026 comply with certain standards, including standards established by the American National Standards Institute and the Illuminating Engineering Society, intended to reduce the amount of unnecessary light emitted. It includes exemptions for certain types of lighting such as outdoor sports lighting, temporary lighting and required and emergency lighting. The law directs certain departments to adopt rules to implement the requirements of the law. It also provides that a municipality in the State may adopt a local ordinance to promote compliance with the provisions of this law and allows a municipality to adopt ordinances that are stricter than those required by the law.

Public Law 2025, chapter 516 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 516 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1969 An Act to Amend the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act and Clarify the Definition of "Virtual Currency"

Public Law 2025, chapter 675 makes the following changes to the Maine Revised Unclaimed Property Act.

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1. It establishes virtual currency as a property type, defines the term and adds provisions regarding the presumed abandonment and liquidation of virtual currency.
2. It establishes new provisions of law or clarifies existing provisions of law governing the presumption of abandonment for certain types of accounts.
3. It prohibits charging escheat fees on certain accounts.
4. It specifies how long proceeds from an insurance policy or annuity must be retained by an insurance company or financial organization.
5. It strengthens certain confidentiality protections among other changes.

LD 1985 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission

Public Law 2025, chapter 518 implements the recommendations of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission included in its annual report dated February 3, 2025 as follows.

1. It limits liability for repairs and maintenance of a public easement of an owner, lessee or occupant of property abutting a public easement.
2. It amends current law to provide municipalities and village corporations, through a vote of approval by their legislative bodies, the option to determine if they will be responsible to maintain and repair public easements or portions of public easements to a minimum level of maintenance until the legislative body votes to discontinue providing year-round repairs and maintenance.
3. It provides that county commissioners and municipal officers may designate public ways and public easements regardless of whether the municipality maintains or repairs the public easements and impose restrictions within their respective jurisdictions similar to those made by the Department of Transportation.
4. It provides an ongoing annual appropriation of \$6,500 to the Road Commission Fund program to provide expense reimbursement for members and to support the work of the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission.

Public Law 2025, chapter 518 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 518 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

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LD 2009 An Act to Clarify the Requirements of a County Audit

Public Law 2025, chapter 673 amends the law governing the requirements of an annual county audit in the following ways.

1. It requires that when a county audit is conducted by a certified public accountant, the audit, upon completion, must be forwarded to the Office of the State Auditor within 12 months of the date of the close of the fiscal year.
2. It specifies that the Office of the State Auditor must review the audit for completeness.
3. It provides that the audit, including the management letter, is a public document and must be posted on the Office of the State Auditor's publicly accessible website no later than 30 days after receipt.
4. It authorizes the State Auditor to grant an exception to the requirement for a county to forward a completed annual audit to the Office of the State Auditor within 12 months of the date of the close of the fiscal year under extenuating circumstances as determined by the State Auditor.
5. It directs the Office of the State Auditor to make public any requests for an exception along with the State Auditor's decision within 60 days of the receipt of a request for an exception.

LD 2042 An Act to Clarify the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper

Public Law 2025, chapter 613 provides an alternative way for a municipality to provide public notice as required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A. It clarifies that a municipality required by law to place a public notice in a newspaper may meet this requirement by placing the notice on the newspaper's publicly accessible website or the statewide repository for legal notices as described in Title 1, section 603, subsection 2 as long as either action is followed by placement of the notice in the next available print edition of the newspaper. The law also specifies that the notice on the newspaper's publicly accessible website must contain all information required to be published in a newspaper.

LD 2069 An Act Designating July 21st as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day

Public Law 2025, chapter 564 designates July 21st of each year as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day and directs the Governor to annually issue a proclamation honoring and recognizing those individuals who have lost their lives participating in a commercial fishery in the State.

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LD 2092 An Act to Update Certain Terms and References Regarding Information Technology and Cybersecurity

Public Law 2025, chapter 698 makes the following technical changes to update the statutes governing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology to align with recent statutory updates.

1. It allows the Chief Information Officer to have an authorized designee in certain instances.
2. It includes certain definitions to align with the recently enacted definition of “cyberattack” and updates certain terminology to reflect national best practices for cybersecurity and information security.
3. It updates a provision of statute regarding competitive bidding to allow the office to procure information technology products or services necessary to detect, prevent and respond to cyberattacks.

LD 2093 An Act to Codify and Update a Provision of Private and Special Law Governing Temporary Disability for State Employees

Public Law 2025, chapter 629 repeals a provision of private and special law governing temporary disability for state employees and enacts that provision, with minor changes, in the Maine Revised Statutes.

LD 2138 Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in Bangor

Resolve 2025, chapter 155 authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to convey a building at 159 Hogan Road in Bangor, currently leased to United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine and known as “the Elizabeth Levinson Center,” to United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine. It also specifies that the authority to convey the property under this resolve is repealed 5 years from its effective date.

LD 2139 Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Convey the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property in East Millinocket

Resolve 2025, chapter 152 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into an option agreement with the Town of East Millinocket for the sale of all or portions of land surrounding and including the state property known as “the Dolby Landfill” in the Town of East Millinocket. It also specifies that the authorization to convey property granted by this resolve is repealed 5 years from its effective date.

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LD 2148 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Health Insurance Premium Cap for State Employees

Public Law 2025, chapter 685 amends the laws governing the health insurance premium cap for state employees. It provides that the total premium increase for active and retired state employee health insurance for fiscal years ending after June 30, 2026 is limited to no more than any percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index plus 10%. The limitation does not apply to the fully insured Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan.

LD 2158 An Act to Address Vacancies on the Knox County Budget Committee

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 14 provides temporary authority for the Knox County commissioners to appoint eligible residents to the budget committee whenever, due to a vacancy, a quorum cannot be attained. This law establishes a process for recognizing recommendations of eligible residents of Knox County put forward by municipalities located in the district for the seat that is vacant. The law does not affect the requirement of the budget committee to fill vacancies once it has a quorum. The authority granted by this law expires December 31, 2028.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 14 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2026.

LD 2180 An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Regarding the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and the State Civil Service Appeals Board

Public Law 2025, chapter 663 makes the following changes to the laws related to the State Civil Service Appeals Board and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources and their functions.

1. It adds exemptions to the laws governing the unauthorized practice of law for a person who is not an attorney but is representing the State before the State Civil Service Appeals Board on a reclassification, reallocation or reorganization appeal or is representing the State before an arbitrator related to a grievance filed under a collective bargaining agreement.
2. It amends the laws governing the procedure an aggrieved employee and a state department or agency head must follow in order for a dispute to be submitted to the State Civil Service Appeals Board.

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LD 2214 An Act to Confirm and Finalize the Boundary Between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 16 describes the common boundary between the Town of Kittery and the Town of York.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 16 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2228 An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

Public Law 2025, 704 eliminates three boards or commissions that filed an annual report with the Secretary of State in both 2024 and 2025 that indicated the board or commission was inactive during 2024 and 2025: the State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force; the Board of Licensure of Professional Investigators; and the Polygraph Examiners Advisory Board.

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Summary of Committee Actions

| I. BILLS AND PAPERS CONSIDERED | <u>Number</u> | <u>% of Comm Activity</u> | <u>% of All Bills/Papers</u> |
|---|---------------|--|---|
| A. Bills referred to Committee | | | |
| <i>Bills referred and reported out</i> | 12 | 52.2% | 1.6% |
| <i>Bills carried over from previous session</i> | <u>11</u> | <u>47.8%</u> | <u>1.5%</u> |
| Total Bills referred | 23 | 100.0% | 3.1% |
| B. Bills reported out by law or joint order and not referred back to committee | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| C. Bills referred and not reported out | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Total Bills considered by Committee | 23 | 100.0% | 3.1% |
| Orders and Resolutions referred to Committee | | | |
| <i>Joint Study Orders referred and reported out</i> | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| <i>Joint Resolutions/Orders referred and reported out</i> | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| <i>Joint Resolutions/Orders carried over from previous session</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>0.0%</u> | <u>0.0%</u> |
| Total Orders and Resolutions Referred | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
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| II. COMMITTEE REPORTS | <u>Number</u> | <u>% of this Committee's Reports</u> | <u>% of All Committee Reports</u> |
| A. Unanimous committee reports | | | |
| <i>Ought to Pass</i> | 4 | 17.4% | 0.9% |
| <i>Ought to Pass as Amended</i> | 9 | 39.1% | 2.0% |
| <i>Leave to Withdraw</i> | 1 | 4.3% | 0.2% |
| <i>Ought Not to Pass</i> | <u>3</u> | <u>13.0%</u> | <u>0.7%</u> |
| Total unanimous reports | 17 | 73.9% | 3.8% |
| B. Divided committee reports | | | |
| <i>Two-way reports</i> | 3 | 13.0% | 0.7% |
| <i>Three-way reports</i> | 3 | 13.0% | 0.7% |
| <i>Four-way reports</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>0.0%</u> | <u>0.0%</u> |
| Total divided reports | 6 | 26.1% | 1.4% |
| Total committee reports | 23 | 100.0% | 5.2% |
| III. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS | 1 | N/A | N/A |
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| IV. FINAL DISPOSITION | <u>Number</u> | <u>% of Comm Bills/Papers</u> | <u>% of All Bills/Papers</u> |
| A. Bills and Papers enacted or finally passed | | | |
| <i>Joint Study Orders</i> | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| <i>Public laws</i> | 16 | 69.6% | 2.2% |
| <i>Private and Special Laws</i> | 2 | 8.7% | 0.3% |
| <i>Resolves</i> | 2 | 8.7% | 0.3% |
| <i>Constitutional Resolutions</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>0.0%</u> | <u>0.0%</u> |
| Total Enacted or Finally Passed | 20 * | 87.0% | 2.7% |
| B. Resolves to authorize major substantive rules | | | |
| Rules authorized without legislative changes | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Rules authorized with legislative changes | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| <i>Rules not authorized by the Legislature</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>0.0%</u> | <u>0.0%</u> |
| Total number of rules reviewed | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| C. Bills vetoed or held by Governor | | | |
| <i>Vetoed over-ridden</i> | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| <i>Vetoed sustained</i> | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| <i>Held by the Governor</i> | <u>0</u> | <u>0.0%</u> | <u>0.0%</u> |
| Total | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% |

* Total number of enacted laws includes one bill that was reported out of the SLG Committee during the 131st First Regular or First Special Sessions, carried over on the Special Appropriations Table and then enacted during the Second Regular Session; and four bills that were enacted during the First Regular or First Special Sessions, held by the Governor and then became law at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.