

STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



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

**BILLS NOT REFERRED TO OR REPORTED BY A
COMMITTEE**

October 2023

DIGEST OF BILLS
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Bills not referred to any committee

Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
								Law	Ch		
	1	An Act to Provide Funding for Winter Emergency Energy Relief and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program					Indefinitely Postponed				S1
	668	An Act to Protect Maine Taxpayers by Requiring a Person to Be a United States Citizen to Receive General Assistance Benefits and to Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws					Died Between Houses				S1
	1907	An Act to Increase the Transfer Fees on Petroleum Products and Direct the Proceeds to Efficiency Programs for Low-income Energy Consumers and Financial Assistance to Low-income Utility Ratepayers and Prevent Profiteering in and Hoarding of Fuel					Died Between Houses				S1
	1912	An Act to Establish Consumer Protections Regarding Small Dollar Loans					Indefinitely Postponed				S1
	2008	Resolve, to Remove the Prohibition Against Live Plants in State-owned Buildings					Finally Passed	RESLV	85		S1
	2015	Resolve, Approving the 2023 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution					Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	86		S1
	2017	An Act to Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees					Emergency Enacted	PL	406		S1
	2018	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services					Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	96		S1
	2019	An Act to Authorize Funding for Collective Bargaining Agreements with Certain Judicial Department Employees					Emergency Enacted	PL	407		S1

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LD 2008 Resolve, to Remove the Prohibition Against Live Plants in State-owned Buildings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 85 was finally passed without reference to a Committee.

Resolve 2023, chapter 85 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to amend its rules to allow live plants in state-owned buildings unless the plants develop mold or bacteria or are contributing to an insect infestation.

LD 2015 Resolve, Approving the 2023 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve, 2023, chapter 86 was finally passed without reference to committee.

Pursuant to Article X, Section 6 of the Constitution of Maine, through the passage of Resolve 2023, chapter 86, the Legislature approves the 2023 draft and arrangement of the Constitution of Maine by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Resolve 2023, chapter 86 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 27, 2023.

LD 2017 An Act to Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 406 was enacted without reference to a committee.

Public Law 2023, chapter 406 implements the cost items in the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, the Maine Service Employees Association, the Fraternal Order of Police and any other certified bargaining representative for an executive branch bargaining unit and provides for equitable treatment for confidential employees and certain other employees excluded from collective bargaining.

The law specifies the costs from the General Fund and Highway Fund to fund salary increases and authorizes the transfer by financial order of available General Fund and Highway Fund balances as necessary.

The law provides for the adjustment of certain salary schedules in fiscal year 2023-24 and in fiscal year 2024-25 consistent with agreements ratified by December 31, 2023. The law also provides for similar

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and equitable treatment of confidential employees, probationary employees and other employees excluded from collective bargaining.

The law authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to be reimbursed up to \$1,200,000 for finalization of the ongoing comprehensive review of the classification and compensation system for executive branch employees and for a market pay study comparing state salaries with those of employees performing comparable work of a sampling of certain private and public employees.

Public Law 2023, chapter 406 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.

LD 2018 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 96 was finally passed without reference to committee.

Resolve 2023, chapter 96 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a major substantive rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

Resolve 2023, chapter 96 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.

LD 2019 An Act to Authorize Funding for Collective Bargaining Agreements with Certain Judicial Department Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 407 was enacted without reference to committee.

Public Law 2023, chapter 407 authorizes funding for collective bargaining agreements ratified by December 31, 2023 by the Judicial Department and the 4 bargaining units representing Judicial Department employees.

Public Law 2023, chapter 407 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 10, 2023.