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*Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

**LD 27      An Act To Enable the Town of Livermore Falls To Withdraw from  
Androscoggin County and Join Franklin County**

**P & S 18**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-503 S-368 HILL

This bill authorizes the Town of Livermore Falls to withdraw from Androscoggin County and be annexed by Franklin County.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-503)**

This amendment provides that Androscoggin County, as well as Franklin County, must vote on the annexation of the Town of Livermore Falls by Franklin County. The municipality petitioning to secede, Livermore Falls, bears the expense of the 2 countywide referenda as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2178.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-368)**

This amendment adds a mandate preamble.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 18 authorizes the Town of Livermore Falls to withdraw from Androscoggin County and be annexed by Franklin County. It provides that Androscoggin County, as well as Franklin County, must vote on the annexation of the Town of Livermore Falls by Franklin County. The municipality petitioning to secede, Livermore Falls, bears the expense of the two countywide referenda as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2178.

**LD 48      An Act To Streamline the Publication of Municipal Reports**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WALLACE CUSHING	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires municipal reports to be published in paper form and digitally on a publicly accessible site on the Internet. It also requires that requests for hard copies of a report be made at least 2 weeks prior to the printing date of the report.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-146)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and provides that the cost savings a municipality realizes from requiring requests for hard copies of the municipal report may be used to offset a municipality's costs for creation and maintenance of a publicly accessible website.

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**LD 49      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Payment of Fees to Registers of Deeds      VETO SUSTAINED**

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

This bill requires that fees for recording a document with the register of deeds by a company, state or federal agency or department that has an automated clearinghouse automatic deposit agreement with a registry of deeds must be made in accordance with that agreement.

**LD 80      An Act To Change the Schedule for the Beginning of the Biennial Budget Cycle      ACCEPTED MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill shifts the start of the fiscal biennium for the state budget from the first regular session of the Legislature to the second regular session of the Legislature, beginning for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2016. This bill also provides that the state budget beginning on July 1, 2015 is a one-year budget.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-200)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and shifts the start of the fiscal biennium for the state budget from the first regular session of the Legislature to the second regular session of the Legislature beginning with the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2018, instead of July 1, 2016 as proposed in the bill. It also provides that the state budget beginning July 1, 2017, instead of July 1, 2015 as proposed in the bill, is a one-year budget. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

**LD 82      An Act To Establish a People's Veto Process for Actions of County Commissioners      ACCEPTED MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS JOHNSON P	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill establishes a people's veto process for the actions of county commissioners. The process allows 5 days for a notice of intention to be filed with the county clerk and 30 days to collect signatures. The number of signatures must be equal to no less than 5% of the total votes cast in the county at the last gubernatorial election. Once the petition is certified by the county clerk, the action that was the subject of the county commissioners' vote must be suspended until a countywide election is held. If the action that was the subject of the county commissioners' vote is budget-related, an interim budget that is equal to the previous year's budget goes into effect until a countywide election is held. If the majority of voters cast their vote in opposition to the veto, the action that was the subject of the county commissioners' vote takes effect.

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**Committee Amendment "A" (S-140)**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, and it strikes and replaces the bill. It requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to convene a working group to study the issue of creating a people's veto process on actions of county commissioners and requires the working group to report to the committee by January 15, 2014. The amendment also gives the committee permission to report out a bill based on the findings of the study.

**LD 106      An Act To Abolish the Trustees of Public Cemeteries for the City of Waterville**

**P & S 1  
EMERGENCY**

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

This bill abolishes the Trustees of Public Cemeteries for the City of Waterville and transfers all duties and responsibilities for the care and upkeep of the public cemeteries in the City of Waterville to the City of Waterville.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 1 abolishes the Trustees of Public Cemeteries for the City of Waterville and transfers all duties and responsibilities for the care and upkeep of the public cemeteries in the City of Waterville to the City of Waterville.

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 1 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 27, 2013.

**LD 134      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

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 25 members. Under the resolution, the proposal would be presented to the voters for their approval at a statewide election held in the month of November following the passage of this resolution, and after voter approval, the Legislature that convenes in 2015 would submit a reapportionment plan to implement the reduction in the size of the Legislature. The reduction in the size of the legislative body takes effect with the 128th Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-104)**

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

**LD 155      An Act To Streamline the Approval of Accessibility Structures**

**PUBLIC 186  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MORRISON MILLETT	OTP-AM	H-222

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This bill allows the code enforcement officer to grant all permits to build a disability ramp, including any structure that requires a variance. Previous law required a municipal zoning board of appeals to approve the construction of a disability ramp requiring a variance before a permit is issued by a code enforcement officer.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-222)**

This amendment specifies that the authorization to issue a permit to an owner of a dwelling to make the dwelling accessible to a person with a disability is provided by municipal ordinance.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 186 provides that the authorization to issue a permit to an owner of a dwelling to make the dwelling accessible to a person with a disability is provided by municipal ordinance.

Public Law 2013, chapter 186 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 31, 2013.

**LD 183      An Act To Exempt Municipalities That Do Not Hold Annual Meetings      ONTP  
                 from Required Publication of an Annual Report**

Sponsor(s)  
VEROW  
CUSHING

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill provides that only municipalities that hold a town meeting are required to publish an annual report.

**LD 210      An Act To Require That Forms, Pamphlets and Other Documents Be      ONTP  
                 Designed To Permit the Continued Use of the Materials**

Sponsor(s)  
VOLK  
FLOOD

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill provides that a state agency, board, commission or department may not include the name of a state agency, board, commission or department official on any document produced and distributed to the public after January 1, 2014 unless the inclusion of the name is required to effectuate the legal purposes of the document. The purpose of this bill is to reduce waste resulting from the need to reprint pamphlets, forms and other documents when the name of a state agency, board, commission or department official changes.

**LD 211      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Limitation on County      CARRIED OVER  
                 Assessments**

Sponsor(s)  
JACKSON R  
THOMAS

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill changes the definition of "property growth factor," which is integral in the calculation of a county's annual assessment limitation, in the laws governing the limitation on county assessments. The revised definition uses state valuation data in determining the property growth factor, rather than relying on municipal reporting of data based on the assessed valuation of real and personal property.

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This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 231      An Act To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women**

**PUBLIC 104  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRAHAM WOODBURY	OTP-AM	H-80

This bill authorizes the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to accept and expend funds for the purposes of the commission. The bill also eliminates a vice-chair position for the commission and the term period for the chair.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)**

This amendment provides that funds received by the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women are deposited in a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Secretary of State to support the work of the commission. The amendment also provides an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation in order to allow the commission to spend any funds deposited into the account.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 104 authorizes the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to accept and expend funds for the purposes of the commission. Public Law 2013, chapter 104 provides that funds received by the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women are deposited in a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Secretary of State to support the work of the commission. It also provides an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation in order to allow the commission to spend any funds deposited into the account. It also eliminates a vice-chair position for the commission and the term period for the chair.

Public Law 2013, chapter 104 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 20, 2013.

**LD 255      An Act To Establish July 27th as Maine Korean War Veteran  
Recognition Day**

**PUBLIC 26  
EMERGENCY**

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

This bill establishes July 27th of each year as Maine Korean War Veteran Recognition Day to honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served during the Korean War.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 26 establishes July 27th of each year as Maine Korean War Veteran Recognition Day to honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served during the Korean War.

Public Law 2013, chapter 26 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 8, 2013.

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**LD 274      An Act To Preserve and Protect Ancient Burial Grounds and Burial  
Grounds in Which Veterans Are Buried**

**PUBLIC 421**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO WELSH	OTP-AM ONTP	S-248 S-334 HILL

This bill amends the law governing ancient burying grounds and public burying grounds.

1. It authorizes a municipality to delegate to a caretaker the municipality's responsibilities regarding an ancient burying ground.
2. Current law requires municipalities to care for public burying grounds in which veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America who served during a war are buried. This bill removes language requiring service during a war.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-248)**

This amendment clarifies what keeping a burial place in good condition and repair entails with respect to the provision of the bill that provides an increased standard of care for burial places of veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States that are located in public burying grounds.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-334)**

This amendment adds a mandate preamble.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 421 authorizes a municipality to delegate to a caretaker the municipality's responsibilities regarding an ancient burying ground. It requires municipalities to care for public burying grounds in which veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America are buried. It also clarifies what keeping a burial place in good condition and repair entails with respect to an increased standard of care for burial places of veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States that are located in public burying grounds.

**LD 315      An Act To Ban the Purchase of Bottled Water by State Agencies**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill prohibits the State or any political subdivision, governmental agency or public benefit corporation of the State from purchasing bottled water.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)**

This amendment, which adds a fiscal note to the bill, is the minority report of the committee.

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**LD 339      An Act To Require Public Hearings by the Legislature To Be Recorded  
and Posted on the Internet**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS GRATWICK	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires that all joint standing committee public hearings are recorded and made accessible to the public as a written transcript, audio recording, video recording or other electronic recording on the Legislature's website within 72 hours of a public hearing beginning January 1, 2014. A committee may not hold a work session on a bill unless the record is available on the Legislature's website. The State Archivist is required to assist and advise the Legislative Council in establishing a records management program for committee public hearings.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-228)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment eliminates the requirement in the bill that a record of a public hearing be accessible to the public on the Legislature's website within 72 hours of the public hearing. The amendment also eliminates the requirement in the bill that a committee may not hold a work session on a bill unless the public hearing record of the bill is accessible to the public on the Legislature's website. The amendment also removes written transcript and video recording and other electronic recording from the types of records in which the public hearing could be recorded and leaves audio recording as the form for the permanent record. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

**LD 340      Resolve, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Property in Augusta to  
Motivational Services, Inc.**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILSON KATZ	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolve gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to sell to Motivational Services, Inc., the property now or formerly known as "the doctors' houses" located at 6 and 10 Arsenal Heights Drive on the east campus of the land comprising the site of what is now or was formerly known as the Augusta Mental Health Institute.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-201)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and gives authority to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell the property located at 6 and 10 Arsenal Heights Drive to a buyer the commissioner approves, instead of specifying that the property must be sold to Motivational Services, Inc.

**LD 357      An Act To Amend the Charter of the Augusta Parking District**

**P & S 4**

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

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This bill repeals a provision contained in Private and Special Law 1947, chapter 124, that requires the dissolution and conveyance of assets from the Augusta Parking District to the City of Augusta upon payment of all bonds issued by the district.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 4 repeals a provision contained in Private and Special Law 1947, chapter 124, that requires the dissolution and conveyance of assets from the Augusta Parking District to the City of Augusta upon payment of all bonds issued by the district.

**LD 397      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Development and Administration of Municipal Budgets in Unorganized Territories      ONTP**

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

This bill amends the laws governing the development and administration of the county portion of municipal cost component budgets for the unorganized territory. The bill changes counties' annual deadlines for submitting to state officials their unorganized territory municipal cost component budgets from November 7th to February 1st. The bill separates a county's review of its unorganized territory municipal cost component budget from its general fund budget review, thus allowing more time for both processes. The bill also eliminates the role of a county budget committee in approving an excess or increase in the county growth limitation factor for the unorganized territory.

**LD 398      An Act To Eliminate the Constituent Services Allowance for Legislators      ACCEPTED MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill eliminates the constituent services allowance for Legislators.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-426)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It changes the title and strikes and replaces the bill and provides that a Legislator may opt out of receiving the constituent services allowance. The amendment also provides that a Legislator who elects to receive the constituent services allowance must keep a record of expenses paid for with the allowance through April 1st of the 2nd year of the legislative biennium. The record must be submitted by April 15th of that year to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, and the executive director must make the records available upon request and free of charge.

**LD 399      An Act To Change the Name of the Department of Audit      PUBLIC 16**

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

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This bill changes the name of the Department of Audit to the Office of the State Auditor.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 16 changes the name of the Department of Audit to the Office of the State Auditor.

**LD 413      An Act To Expand Eligible Project Costs in Development Districts      DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**

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

This bill permits tax increment financing funds to be used to fund projects approved by more than one municipality under an interlocal agreement.

**LD 465      An Act To Improve Access to Public Land Records      ACCEPTED MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill improves access to public land records by limiting the fees registries of deeds may charge for digital copies. Maine's Freedom of Access Act limits the fees state agencies may charge for copies of public records to the cost of producing copies, but the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33 permits registries of deeds to charge a much higher fee for digital copies. The bill also removes outdated references to abstracts, since registries of deeds no longer prepare such documents.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-199)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and changes the cost for any quantity of copies produced on media other than paper from 110% of the costs incurred to fulfill the copies request to 125% of the costs incurred.

**LD 474      An Act To Provide for Edible Landscaping in a Portion of Capitol Park      PUBLIC 153**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN	OTP-AM ONTP	H-102

This bill requires edible landscaping in a portion of Capitol Park. The development of the edible landscaping portion of Capitol Park is subject to available funding, and the State House and Capitol Park Commission may seek and accept public and private funds for this purpose.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It strikes the bill and directs the State House and Capitol Park Commission to arrange for and implement a plan to incorporate food-producing landscaping into a portion of

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Capitol Park. The amendment requires that the plan be consistent with the plan for Capitol Park developed by the Olmsted Brothers firm in 1920, as revised, and be subject to available funding.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 153 directs the State House and Capitol Park Commission to arrange for and implement a plan to incorporate food-producing landscaping into a portion of Capitol Park. It requires that the plan be consistent with the plan for Capitol Park developed by the Olmsted Brothers firm in 1920, as revised, and be subject to available funding.

**LD 489      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine      DIED BETWEEN  
To Increase the Lengths of Terms of Members of the Legislature      HOUSES**

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to increase the length of the terms of State Senators and members of the House of Representatives from two years to four years beginning in 2016.

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

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-390)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The resolution proposes to increase the length of terms of members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives from two years to four years. The amendment also proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to limit the number of consecutive terms members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives may serve from four terms to two terms. The amendment changes the referendum question to reflect the changes proposed in this amendment.

**LD 490      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine      ACCEPTED  
To Limit a Governor's Pension to Governors Who Have Served 2 Full      MAJORITY  
Terms      (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to provide that a Governor who leaves office after January 1, 2012 or the spouse of a Governor who leaves office after January 1, 2012 does not qualify for a retirement allowance based on the Governor's service unless the Governor served at least two full terms as Governor.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-49)**

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

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**LD 558      Resolve, To Erect a State Monument to Franco-Americans**

**RESOLVE 29**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE LANGLEY	OTP-AM	H-180

This resolve directs the Capitol Planning Commission to raise and maintain a monument to men and women of Franco-American heritage in the State. It also allows the commission to accept gifts and private contributions to assist in achieving this goal.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)**

This amendment provides that sufficient funding must be available before the Capital Planning Commission constructs a monument in honor of men and women of Franco-American heritage in the State. The amendment also excludes state funds as a funding source.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 29 directs the Capitol Planning Commission to raise and maintain a monument to men and women of Franco-American heritage in the State. It also allows the commission to accept gifts and private contributions to assist in achieving this goal and excludes state funds as a funding source. Resolve 2013, chapter 29 provides that sufficient funding must be available before the Capital Planning Commission constructs the monument.

**LD 559      An Act To Change Document Filing and Copying Fees for County  
Registries of Deeds**

**PUBLIC 370**

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

This bill increases the filing fee for the first page of recording an instrument, including plans, at all registries of deeds by \$6. This bill also gives the county commissioners the option to raise the filing fee for the first page of recording an instrument in the registry of deeds by a majority vote.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-445)**

This amendment separates paper copies from electronic abstracts and images for the purpose of fees assessed by county registries of deeds and further breaks down electronic copies into those downloaded at the office of a county registry of deeds and those downloaded from a county registry of deeds website. In current law, the cost for digital abstracts and images is 50¢ per page, with a fee of 5¢ per page for copies of 1,000 or more digital abstracts and copies of consecutive records. The amendment provides for a fee of 5¢ per image or electronic abstract for acquiring downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images or electronic abstracts from a county registry of deeds equipped to provide downloads. It also provides for no charge per image from a county registry of deeds website for the first 500 images or electronic abstracts, or a combination of the first 500 images and electronic abstracts, acquired by a person in a calendar year and 50¢ per image or electronic abstract for each subsequent image or electronic abstract acquired in the same calendar year. The amendment also removes the option for county commissioners to raise filing fees as provided in the bill and adds a definitions section.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 370 increases the filing fee for the first page of recording an instrument, including

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plans, at all registries of deeds by \$6. Public Law 2013, chapter 370 separates paper copies from electronic abstracts and images for the purpose of fees assessed by county registries of deeds and further breaks down electronic copies into those downloaded at the office of a county registry of deeds and those downloaded from a county registry of deeds website. In current law, the cost for digital abstracts and images is 50¢ per page, with a fee of 5¢ per page for copies of 1,000 or more digital abstracts and copies of consecutive records. Public Law 2013, chapter 370 provides for a fee of 5¢ per image or electronic abstract for acquiring downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images or electronic abstracts from a county registry of deeds equipped to provide downloads. It also provides for no charge per image from a county registry of deeds website for the first 500 images or electronic abstracts, or a combination of the first 500 images and electronic abstracts, acquired by a person in a calendar year and 50¢ per image or electronic abstract for each subsequent image or electronic abstract acquired in the same calendar year.

### **LD 560      An Act To Establish Maine Seniors Day**

**PUBLIC 143**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R BOYLE	OTP-AM	H-132

This bill establishes the second Saturday in September of each year as Maine Seniors Day to honor senior citizens of the State.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-132)**

This amendment allows state agencies with promotional budgets to promote Maine Seniors Day, which the bill establishes to honor senior citizens of the State.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 143 establishes the second Saturday in September of each year as Maine Seniors Day to honor senior citizens of the State and allows state agencies with promotional budgets to promote Maine Seniors Day.

### **LD 586      An Act To Enable Municipalities To Establish Business Development Loan Programs Using Municipally Raised or Appropriated Money**

**PUBLIC 206**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON P	OTP-AM ONTP	H-229

This bill amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5726 to provide that municipalities may raise or appropriate money to establish revolving loan fund programs to assist local for-profit and nonprofit enterprises in their job creation and job retention efforts.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-229)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and changes the bill to require a municipality to receive approval at a referendum election before raising and appropriating money to establish a revolving loan fund program to assist in local job creation and retention.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 206 amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5726 to provide that a municipality, if the municipality receives approval at a referendum election, may raise or appropriate money to

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establish revolving loan fund programs to assist local for-profit and nonprofit enterprises in their job creation and job retention efforts.

**LD 587 An Act To Designate Election Day as an Official State Holiday**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN LACHOWICZ	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill designates Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, as a state holiday.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-230)**

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. The amendment directs the Secretary of State to convene a working group to study election day holiday options. The amendment requires the working group to report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 30, 2014 and provides the committee with the opportunity to submit a bill related to the subject matter of the report.

**LD 613 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of General Services To Erect a Memorial in Memory of Those Who Died at the Former Augusta Mental Health Institute**

**ONTP**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to design and erect a memorial on the grounds of the former Augusta Mental Health Institute for the individuals who died at the former Augusta Mental Health Institute. It authorizes the bureau to accept state and local funds, gifts and other contributions to be used solely for the costs of the memorial. It also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 to fund the memorial.

**LD 740 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That the Attorney General Be Elected by Popular Vote**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that provides for direct popular election biennially of the Attorney General in the manner currently provided for Senators and Representatives.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-236)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and proposes the quadrennial election of the Attorney General by nonpartisan ballot beginning in 2014.

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**LD 787 An Act To Encourage Municipal Infrastructure Improvement**

**ONTP**

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

This bill expands the permissible uses for municipal incentive development zones to include municipal infrastructure improvements, including improvements to municipal tax-exempt property. The bill also provides that increases in the equalized just value of industrial and commercial property within a municipal incentive development zone will not be included in the just value of the municipality for the purposes of education funding.

**LD 805 An Act To Require Notice to and Input from Municipalities in Which Certain Group Homes Are Located**

**PUBLIC 357**

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

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide specific information on the location of a residential facility providing services to forensic patients to the municipality in which the facility is to be located. Notice must be provided 120 days prior to the opening of the facility or to signing a contract with a community agency to provide residential services. The department must review any response and site alternatives provided by municipal officials.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 357 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide specific information on the location of a residential facility providing services to forensic patients to the municipality in which the facility is to be located. Notice must be provided 120 days prior to the opening of the facility or to signing a contract with a community agency to provide residential services. The department must review any response and site alternatives provided by municipal officials.

**LD 813 An Act To Promote the Sale of Maine Milk**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS JACKSON T	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires a state-owned or state-operated facility that sells or contracts with a person to sell beverages directly to the public, including a facility on the Maine Turnpike, to have available for sale milk processed at a milk plant in the State. This bill exempts facilities in an institutional setting in which sales of beverages to the public are incidental, including a state-owned postsecondary institution or correctional facility.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-153)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that a state-owned or state-operated facility that sells or contracts with a private person to sell milk directly to the public must make available for sale milk that has been processed in the State. The bill requires a facility that sells beverages, which

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may not necessarily include milk, to make available for sale milk processed in the State. The amendment excludes facilities on the Maine Turnpike from the facilities that must make milk processed in the State available for sale.

**LD 814      An Act To Clarify the Request for Proposal Process      ONTP**

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

This bill proposes to require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to notify winning bidders that, once their initial contract for supplying goods or services has expired, they are required to go through the request for proposal process again in order to continue providing their goods or services.

**LD 833      An Act To Allow Municipalities To Place Liens for Failure To Pay      PUBLIC 197**  
**Storm Water Assessments**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOONEN HASKELL	OTP-AM	H-181

This bill allows municipalities to place liens on real estate for delinquent storm water disposal system accounts in the same manner as municipalities are presently allowed for delinquent sewer and sewer disposal system accounts.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-181)**

This amendment adds a definition for "storm water disposal system" and specifies that a municipality must provide the landlord or landlord's agent, if requested, with the current status of a tenant's storm water disposal system service account if nonpayment for that service could result in a lien against the property. The amendment also allows landlords access to tenant storm water disposal system service bill payment information.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 197 allows municipalities to place liens on real estate for delinquent storm water disposal system accounts in the same manner as municipalities are presently allowed for delinquent sewer and sewer disposal system accounts. It defines "storm water disposal system" and specifies that a municipality must provide the landlord or landlord's agent, if requested, with the current status of a tenant's storm water disposal system service account if nonpayment for that service could result in a lien against the property. Public Law 2013, chapter 197 also allows landlords access to tenant storm water disposal system service bill payment information.

**LD 855      Resolve, To Create a Study Group To Research the Possibility of a      DIED IN**  
**Virtual Legislature      CONCURRENCE**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASAVANT DUTREMBLE	OTP-AM	H-467

This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study Issues Associated with Implementation of a Virtual Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-467)**

This amendment provides that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House each appoint one public

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member of the task force instead of having the Governor appoint two public members. It requires the task force to study strategies for remote citizen participation and to make pilot program recommendations. It provides that the office of the Secretary of the Senate and office of the Clerk of the House assist the task force upon request. It also provides that the task force submit a preliminary report by December 4, 2013 and in addition a final report on November 5, 2014.

**LD 856      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine      ONTP**  
**To Require State Officers To Be Elected by a Majority of Voters**

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that a candidate for the office of Governor, State Senator or State Representative 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, is elected. 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 the winner.

**LD 858      An Act To Partially Fund Tax Breaks for the Wealthy by Eliminating      ONTP**  
**Certain Gubernatorial Benefits**

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

This bill repeals the provision that provides the Governor a retirement allowance, excepts the Governor from eligibility for the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program and any state employee group health plan, and authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell the Blaine House, with the proceeds to be deposited into the General Fund.

**LD 878      An Act To Provide a Preference for Maine Bidders on State Contracts      ONTP**

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

This bill gives preference in the award of construction and public works contracts by the State and its political subdivisions to workers and bidders who are residents of this State, as long as their bids are not more than 5% over bids submitted by out-of-state bidders.

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**LD 947      An Act To Ensure the Effectiveness of Constitutional Officers**

**ACCEPTED  
MINORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON C MCCABE	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill prohibits the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General from being a candidate for federal office or Governor.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-68)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and strikes from the bill provisions that prohibit the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General from being candidates for federal office or Governor.

**LD 954      Resolve, Extending the Time That the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services Has To Sell or Lease Property in Augusta**

**RESOLVE 35  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAYES	OTP-AM	H-135

This resolve extends the repeal date of Resolve 2007, chapter 181, which pertains to the sale of the Stone Buildings formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute in the City of Augusta, by 5 years to June 30, 2018.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-135)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 35 extends the repeal date of Resolve 2007, chapter 181, which pertains to the sale of the Stone Buildings formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute in the City of Augusta, by 5 years to June 30, 2018.

Resolve 2013, chapter 35 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 3, 2013.

**LD 955      Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located in Bangor, Boothbay Harbor and Hallowell**

**RESOLVE 53**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAYES	OTP-AM	H-412

This resolve gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to sell or lease the property now or formerly known as the Bangor Mental Health Institute in the City of Bangor and the portion of the property located in the Town of Boothbay Harbor now or formerly occupied by the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. The resolve also amends Resolve 2011, chapter 70, which pertains to the sale of property in the City of Hallowell, to provide that any proceeds from a sale be deposited into the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,

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Bureau of General Services' capital repair and improvement account for capital improvements.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-412)**

This amendment clarifies that the provisions in section 1 of the resolve giving the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to convey state property apply only to the properties in the City of Bangor and Town of Boothbay Harbor listed in section 2 of the resolve.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 53 gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to sell or lease the property now or formerly known as the Bangor Mental Health Institute in the City of Bangor and the portion of the property located in the Town of Boothbay Harbor now or formerly occupied by the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences. It clarifies that provisions giving the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to convey state property apply only to the properties in the City of Bangor and Town of Boothbay Harbor. It also amends Resolve 2011, chapter 70, which pertains to the sale of property in the City of Hallowell, to provide that any proceeds from a sale be deposited into the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' capital repair and improvement account for capital improvements.

**LD 978      An Act To Enhance Public Participation in Legislative Committee Proceedings through the Internet      ONTP**

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

This bill authorizes the Legislative Council to make all proceedings of the joint standing committees of the Legislature available to the public through a live video broadcast that allows for remote public participation; records of these proceedings are permanent records.

**LD 1021      An Act To Establish as a Public Record the Performance Evaluation of a Municipal Employee      ACCEPTED REPORT A (ONTP)**

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

This bill removes from the list of records that are confidential the performance evaluation of a municipal employee.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-323)**

This amendment provides that a written performance evaluation for a town manager or municipal department head is not confidential.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-322)**

This amendment provides that a performance evaluation is confidential unless it is requested for an external independent review requested by the municipality.

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**LD 1073 An Act To Establish Minimum Fuel Economy Standards for State Vehicles**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill requires that a newly acquired motor vehicle of the State must have a fuel economy standard that exceeds by at least 10 miles per gallon the corporate average fuel economy standard established by the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-310)**

This amendment exempts vehicles over 6,000 pounds from the requirement that a newly acquired motor vehicle of the State exceed fuel economy standards as specified in the bill. This amendment also corrects a reference to the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**LD 1074 An Act To Deny Employment-related Benefits to State Employees Convicted of a Felony Involving the Misuse or Theft of Government Funds**

**ONTP**

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

This bill provides that if a person is convicted of a crime with penalties equal to or greater than the penalties for a Class C crime and the crime involves the misuse or theft of public funds and was committed when the person was a state employee, a court must order the forfeiture of any earned or future compensation or benefits, including benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

**LD 1084 Resolve, Directing the Androscoggin County Commissioners To Make Changes to the Androscoggin County Charter**

**RESOLVE 62**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G	OTP-AM ONTP	S-153

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the Androscoggin County charter.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-153)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill. It allows the board of county commissioners of Androscoggin County to make specific changes to the county charter. In November 2012 changes to the Androscoggin County charter were presented to the voters at a countywide vote and accepted by the voters of Androscoggin County pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 1324. After the charter was filed with the Secretary of State, it was realized that the wrong charter had been voted on; the changes included in this amendment were the intent of the charter commission and were presented by the county charter members at public presentations and at a county commission meeting. This amendment allows the board of county commissioners of

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Androscoggin County to make the changes to the charter that would have been voted on in November without incurring the expenses of another countywide vote.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 62 allows the board of county commissioners of Androscoggin County to make specific changes to the county charter. In November 2012 changes to the Androscoggin County charter were presented to the voters at a countywide vote and accepted by the voters of Androscoggin County pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 1324. After the charter was filed with the Secretary of State, it was realized that the wrong charter had been voted on; the changes included in this amendment were the intent of the charter commission and were presented by the county charter members at public presentations and at a county commission meeting. Resolve 2013, chapter 62 allows the board of county commissioners of Androscoggin County to make the changes to the charter that would have been voted on in November without incurring the expenses of another countywide vote.

**LD 1122 An Act Allowing Municipalities To Enact Firearms Policies in Local Government Buildings**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

Sponsor(s)

MOONEN

Committee Report

ONTP  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill provides a municipal legislative body with the authority to adopt an ordinance that restricts the carrying of firearms in the municipality's essential municipal offices and places of legislative assembly just as the State imposes those restrictions in its capitol area. It requires a municipality, if the legislative body of that municipality adopts an ordinance that restricts the carrying of firearms in that municipality's essential municipal offices or places of legislative assembly, to post in a prominent location outside the affected offices and places a notice of the existence of that restriction.

**LD 1127 An Act To Establish Hospital Administrative District No. 5, a Regional Hospital Administrative District in Lincoln County**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

Sponsor(s)

MACDONALD W  
JOHNSON C

Committee Report

ONTP  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

This bill authorizes the voters of the Town of Boothbay, the Town of Boothbay Harbor, the Town of Edgecomb and the Town of Southport to hold a referendum to establish Hospital Administrative District No. 5, a regional hospital administrative district in Lincoln County. The vote of the towns must take place at town meetings and the Town of Boothbay, the Town of Boothbay Harbor and at least one other town must approve the district by June 30, 2013 in order to establish the district.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and makes the following changes to the bill, which establishes Hospital Administrative District No. 5, a regional hospital administrative district in Lincoln County.

1. The amendment removes the requirement that the district initially operate a hospital and provide health care services from the existing St. Andrews Hospital and Healthcare Center campus and instead provides authorization to

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operate a hospital and provide health care services.

2. The amendment provides an option for a town to have its municipal officers appoint the town's initial members on the board of directors of the district.
3. The amendment increases the number of members on the board of directors of the district from 7 to up to 11 depending on which towns join and adjusts the staggered membership in the first year accordingly.
4. The amendment allows a town to vote to withdraw from the district but requires such a town to assume responsibility for a proportionate share of the indebtedness of the district.
5. The amendment clarifies that voting lists must be obtained by the district's registration clerk from each town in the district on paper or electronically instead of requiring the registration clerk to compile a district voting list from the towns' lists. The amendment provides that the towns must supply the lists at no charge.
6. The amendment removes language that is not needed because elections to form the district are conducted by towns using the towns' voting lists, which can be printed the day before the elections and include up-to-date information, and are conducted in accordance with the municipal election process.
7. The amendment requires the result of the election to form the district to be filed in town records.
8. The amendment requires town clerks to report the results of the elections to the registration clerk, who must compile and declare the results, instead of requiring the town clerks to file certification with the Secretary of State.

**LD 1133     An Act Concerning the Removal of Municipal Employees**

**DIED IN  
CONCURRENCE**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLEVELAND	ONTP OTP-AM	S-141 S-349   HILL

This bill specifies that municipal employees who are not appointed pursuant to general law, charter or ordinance may only be removed for cause.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-141)**

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill and clarifies that municipal officials and employees required by general law, charter or ordinance and those whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by general law, charter or ordinance may only be removed for cause.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-349)**

This amendment adds a mandate preamble.

**LD 1138     An Act Related to Appeals of Disciplinary Proceedings Affecting  
County Employees**

**DIED BETWEEN  
HOUSES**

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

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This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This bill provides that, in every case of dismissal, suspension or disciplinary action, a county employee, county officer or department head may appeal a decision of the county commissioners or personnel board to the Maine Labor Relations Board.

**LD 1139 An Act To Allow County Law Enforcement To Participate in Mutual Aid Agreements**

**PUBLIC 261**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRAHAM	OTP-AM	H-377

This bill allows county commissioners, unless prohibited by county charter or ordinance, to authorize the sheriff for that county to render law enforcement aid to other counties, when requested, or to request law enforcement aid from other counties. Current law allows municipal officers, unless prohibited by municipal charter or ordinance, to authorize the chief of police for that municipality to render law enforcement aid to other municipalities, when requested, or to request law enforcement aid from other municipalities. This bill also specifies that the law applies to all law enforcement officers, not just police officers.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-377)**

This amendment adds to the bill to provide that county commissioners may authorize the sheriff or other designee to request that a municipality provide law enforcement officers to assist the requesting county and that municipal law enforcement officers may be authorized to assist a requesting county. The amendment also provides that the authorization from the county commissioners must be accompanied by an agreement between the requesting municipality or county and the responding municipality or county that specifies who is liable if any liability exists for personal injury or property damage caused by or occurring to the law enforcement officers. The amendment also provides that the sheriff or a sheriff's designee may request assistance from or provide assistance to a municipality or law enforcement agency whether or not an agreement between the two parties exists if the request is for assistance in a major unplanned incident that jeopardizes the health and welfare of the citizens of the requesting municipality or county.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 261 allows county commissioners, unless prohibited by county charter or ordinance, to authorize the sheriff for that county to render law enforcement aid to other counties, when requested, or to request law enforcement aid from other counties. Public Law 2013, chapter 261 also provides that county commissioners may authorize the sheriff or other designee to request that a municipality provide law enforcement officers to assist the requesting county and that municipal law enforcement officers may be authorized to assist a requesting county. It provides that the authorization from the county commissioners must be accompanied by an agreement between the requesting municipality or county and the responding municipality or county that specifies who is liable if any liability exists for personal injury or property damage caused by or occurring to the law enforcement officers. Public Law 2013, chapter 261 also provides that the sheriff or a sheriff's designee may request assistance from or provide assistance to a municipality or law enforcement agency whether or not an agreement between the two parties exists if the request is for assistance in a major unplanned incident that jeopardizes the health and welfare of the citizens of the requesting municipality or county. Public Law 2013, chapter 261 specifies that the law applies to all law enforcement officers, not just police officers.

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**LD 1140     An Act To Amend the State Government Evaluation Act**

**PUBLIC 307**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRAHAM LACHOWICZ	OTP-AM	H-309

The State Government Evaluation Act requires each agency and independent agency to prepare and submit to the Legislature, through the relevant joint standing committee of the Legislature, a program evaluation report. This bill requires the joint standing committees to request from each agency or independent agency under their jurisdiction a single-page list of organizational units and programs in each organizational unit for that report by March 1st of the first regular session of the Legislature. The bill also requires that an agency or independent agency provide the list to the committee by April 1st of the first regular session of the Legislature. The bill also requires an agency or independent agency to include in the program evaluation report a list of all reports required by the Legislature and a copy of the single-page list.

The bill also eliminates the requirement that an agency or independent agency include in the program evaluation report information about being in compliance with federal and state health and safety laws and a summary of rules adopted.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-309)**

This amendment authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature updating dates in statute for State Government Evaluation Act review of agencies under the jurisdiction of joint standing committees.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 307 requires each agency and independent agency to prepare and submit to the Legislature, through the relevant joint standing committee of the Legislature, a program evaluation report. It requires the joint standing committees to request from each agency or independent agency under their jurisdiction a single-page list of organizational units and programs in each organizational unit for that report by March 1st of the first regular session of the Legislature. Public Law 2013, chapter 307 also requires that an agency or independent agency provide the list to the committee by April 1st of the first regular session of the Legislature. It also requires an agency or independent agency to include in the program evaluation report a list of all reports required by the Legislature and a copy of the single-page list. Public Law 2013, chapter 307 also eliminates the requirement that an agency or independent agency include in the program evaluation report information about being in compliance with federal and state health and safety laws and a summary of rules adopted.

Public Law 2013 chapter 307 authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature updating dates in statute for State Government Evaluation Act review of agencies under the jurisdiction of joint standing committees.

**LD 1152     Resolve, To Continue Consultation and Conditions Prerequisite to the Sale or Lease of Certain Real Property in Hallowell**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

Current law authorizes the State to sell or lease certain real property in the City of Hallowell, and establishes conditions on the sale or transfer of the property. This resolve directs the State to enter into a lease to extend the

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current terms of School Administrative District 16 or any successor school administrative unit that includes the City of Hallowell as a tenant at the site through June 30, 2017. This resolve also specifies that a subgroup of stakeholders must be invited to participate in interviews of qualified developers and to participate in interviews with developers prior to the transfer of any portion of the site to a developer. This resolve also directs the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to provide a written report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on the status of all efforts toward the sale or transfer of the property.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1153      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Public Notices Provided by Governmental Entities      ONTP**

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the laws governing public notices that are published in a newspaper by governmental entities.

**LD 1158      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Length of Terms of Senators to 4 Years      ONTP**

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

This constitutional resolution increases the length of the terms of State Senators from two years to four years, beginning with the Senators elected in 2014.

**LD 1169      An Act To Ensure Accountability in State Contracts      DIED IN CONCURRENCE**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LACHOWICZ LIBBY N	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires a request for proposals or solicitation of bids by the State for a contract for the provision of property, products or services with respect to 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-67)**

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

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**LD 1177      An Act To Implement the Recommendations from the Discontinued and Abandoned Roads Stakeholder Group      CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill implements the recommendations of the stakeholder group established by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 120 to review discontinued and abandoned roads. This bill provides that if a municipality decides to retain a public easement after the municipality discontinues a town way, the municipality must vote in the affirmative to retain the public easement and that if the municipality fails to maintain the public easement for two years, the public easement is discontinued and the public's interest in the easement is abolished. The bill requires that a municipality give an easement to a property owner that requires access to the property owner's property if the municipality discontinues a town way. Current law allows a municipality to discontinue a town way by giving notice to all abutting property owners and the municipal planning board and filing an order of discontinuance with the municipal clerk. The bill, beginning on January 1, 2016, requires that a municipality must vote in order to discontinue a town way. The bill also requires that by January 1, 2016 every municipality prepare a list of all municipal town ways that the municipality intends to keep in repair with public funds pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 304 and to publish the list on its publicly accessible website. If a town way has not been included on the list by January 1, 2016, the town way is discontinued with no public easement and the abutters of the town way have 2 years to file a claim pursuant to Title 23, section 3027-A, subsection 2 against the municipality.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1220      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives To Be Maine Natives      LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide that a person may not be President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives unless that person was born in Maine.

**LD 1254      An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in All State Institutions      HELD BY GOVERNOR**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN LACHOWICZ	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-510 S-355 HILL

Current law requires state and school purchasers to buy meat, fish, dairy products, excluding milk and eggs, and species of fruits and fresh vegetables directly from Maine food producers or from food brokers. This bill establishes a minimum percentage of Maine foodstuffs that must be purchased, requiring at least 15% for the 10 years beginning January 1, 2014, at least 25% for the next 10 years and at least 35% beginning in 2034.

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**Committee Amendment "A" (H-510)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and changes the implementation dates and minimum percentages regarding Maine foodstuffs that state and school purchasers must purchase directly from Maine food producers or food brokers. It changes the implementation schedule for Maine foodstuffs from at least 15% for the 10 years beginning January 1, 2014, at least 25% for the next 10 years and at least 35% beginning in 2034 to at least 15% by December 31, 2020, 20% by December 31, 2024, 25% by December 31, 2034 and 35% by December 31, 2035. The amendment excepts from the requirements school purchasers at schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-511)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and changes the implementation dates and minimum percentages regarding Maine foodstuffs that state and school purchasers must purchase directly from Maine food producers or food brokers. It changes the implementation schedule for Maine foodstuffs from at least 15% for the 10 years beginning January 1, 2014, at least 25% for the next 10 years and at least 35% beginning in 2034 to at least 15% by December 31, 2020, 20% by December 31, 2024, 25% by December 31, 2034 and 35% by December 31, 2035. The amendment also removes from current law the exclusion of milk and eggs from foodstuffs that must be purchased by a state or school purchaser and the exclusion of milk and eggs from products for which quality standards must be established. The amendment excepts from the requirements school purchasers at schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-355)**

This amendment adds a mandate preamble.

**LD 1273      An Act Pertaining to the Closing of Municipal Roads for Community Use      ONTP**

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

This bill allows a municipality to designate a town way or public easement be held for public purposes other than highway purposes, including recreational purposes, by an affirmative vote of the legislative body of the municipality within which the town way or public easement lies.

**LD 1279      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State, Attorney General and Treasurer of State      ACCEPTED MINORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING FREDETTE	OTP-AM ONTP	

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that provides for direct popular election beginning in 2014 of the Secretary of State and the Treasurer of State biennially and for direct popular election of the Attorney General every four years in the manner currently provided for Senators and Representatives.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-139)**

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

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**LD 1280 An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of the Town of Bancroft**

**PUBLIC 390**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHERMAN LONG	OTP-AM	S-84

This bill provides for the deorganization of the Town of Bancroft in Aroostook County, subject to approval at local referendum, including the removal of the Town of Bancroft from Region 2 career and technical education region in statute.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-84)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 390 provides for the deorganization of the Town of Bancroft in Aroostook County, subject to approval at local referendum, including the removal of the Town of Bancroft from Region 2 career and technical education region in statute.

**LD 1312 An Act To Create a Succession and Knowledge Transfer Plan for State Government**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill directs the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish a plan to develop a pool of qualified internal candidates to fill vacancies at the managerial and senior staff levels within state agencies.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1338 An Act To Prohibit State and Local Governments from Contracting with Corporations That Engage in Business in Known Terrorist States**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill requires that, beginning January 1, 2014, the State, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy and municipalities exclude any business entity or individual from doing business with the State, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy or a municipality if that business entity or individual does business with any company, or any subsidiary, affiliate or parent of any company, that does business with a country designated by federal law as a state sponsor of terrorism. It also requires that counties and school boards adopt policies by January 1, 2014 that require counties and school boards to exclude any business entity or individual from doing business with a county or school

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board if that business entity or individual does business with any company, or any subsidiary, affiliate or parent of any company, that does business with a country designated as a state sponsor of terrorism.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-474)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve. The amendment directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to research all vendors whose contracts were competitively bid and whether they or their affiliates do business with a country designated as a state sponsor of terrorism. The amendment directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to recommend actions the State can take to limit contracts with corporations that contract with terrorist states and report its findings to the Office of the Attorney General and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by January 15, 2015. The amendment also directs the Office of the Attorney General to review and advise the joint standing committee on the recommendations from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services by February 15, 2015. It provides that the joint standing committee may submit a bill related to the subject matter of the reports to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**LD 1344     An Act To Modernize the State's Legal Notice Requirements**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO LACHOWICZ	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires that legal notices appearing in a newspaper also appear in any publicly accessible website that the newspaper maintains. Legal notices on a newspaper website must appear on the same date that they appear in print editions of the newspaper; be reachable by a link from the website's home page; be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner; and be the dominant subject matter of the website page on which they appear. Beginning in July 2014, the newspaper website must also offer a search function for legal notices on the website. The bill also requires a statewide association representing newspapers to establish and maintain, at its own expense, a publicly accessible repository for legal notices appearing on newspaper websites.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-446)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and provides that the statewide association representing newspapers that under the bill is required to establish and maintain a publicly accessible electronic repository is responsible for providing e-mail notification of legal notices upon request and at no charge.

**LD 1357     An Act To Support Maine Businesses through State Purchasing**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill requires that the State, when awarding contracts or purchases for the State or any department or agency of the State, award the contract or purchase to an in-state bidder or person offering commodities produced or manufactured in the State as long as the bid is within 2.5% of the otherwise best-value bidder. This bill also gives preference in the award of construction and public works contracts by the State and its political subdivisions to

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workers and bidders who are residents of the State, as long as their bids are within 2.5% of the bids submitted by out-of-state bidders.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-235)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and provides that preference for in-state bidders or Maine products applies to contracts or purchases under \$100,000. The amendment retains the provision of the bill that requires that the State, counties, cities and towns and every charitable or educational institution supported in whole or in part by and granted by the State or any municipality give preference to workers and bidders from the State when awarding contracts if the bids are within 2.5% of the bids submitted by out-of-state contractors but removes language that limits the provision to contracts for constructing, altering, repairing, furnishing or equipping buildings or public works. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

### **LD 1369     An Act To Change the Way Legislators Are Paid**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY MASON G	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill changes the pay to members of the Senate and House of Representatives in the first year of the legislative session from the current rate of \$13,852 to \$20,000 and the pay in the 2nd year of the legislative session from the current rate of \$9,661 to \$20,000 and removes the cost-of-living adjustment beginning November 30, 2014. Members of the Penobscot Nation, Passamaquoddy Tribe and Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians receive pay equal to that of members of the Senate and House of Representatives. The bill repeals the law that provides additional legislative pay for each day's attendance at a special session, but keeps the provision that provides expenses and mileage payments to Legislators during a special session. The bill also removes the provision of health insurance to Legislators and allows them to purchase health insurance for themselves and for their dependents at the rate at which the State purchases health insurance. Legislators may also purchase life insurance through the State. The bill also requires the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to submit legislation by January 1, 2014 to close the Legislative Retirement Program by July 1, 2014. The legislation must allow members of the Legislative Retirement Program who are eligible for the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program to become members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program. Members of the Legislative Retirement Program who do not become members of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program will receive a refund of accumulated contributions. Legislators are considered self-employed and independent contractors and are responsible for paying taxes including the employer and employee portions of social security and Medicare.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-475)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and provides that Legislators are paid \$18,000 in both the first regular session and the second regular session instead of \$20,000 in each session as provided in the bill. The amendment requires the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to determine the implications of considering Legislators self-employed and independent contractors and to report findings and recommendations on the effect of such a consideration on workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, retirement, Social Security and Medicare benefits, disability and withholding obligations to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by February 15, 2014. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may report out a bill in the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature related to the findings and recommendations in the report. This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

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**LD 1378      Resolve, Authorizing the Sale of the Guy P. Gannett House in Augusta  
for Use as a Museum**

**RESOLVE 50**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ POULIOT	OTP-AM	S-174

This resolve authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell "as is" at the current market value the State's interests in real estate located at 184 State Street in the City of Augusta, Maine and known as the Guy P. Gannett House to the Gannett House Project, a nonprofit organization, solely for use as a museum. It also requires that any change of use of the property must be approved by the commissioner and that if the Gannett House Project chooses to eventually sell the property, it must first offer the property at current market value to the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-174)**

This amendment provides that the property at 184 State Street in the City of Augusta may be sold and eliminates the requirement that it be sold to the Gannett House Project but retains the requirement that it be sold for use as a museum. The amendment also provides that the resolve constitutes a change to the 2001 Capitol Planning Commission master plan. The amendment also requires that any proceeds from the sale of this property must be deposited in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' capital repair and improvement account.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 50 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell "as is" at the current market value the State's interests in real estate located at 184 State Street in the City of Augusta, Maine and known as the Guy P. Gannett House for use as a museum. It requires that any proceeds from the sale of this property must be deposited in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' capital repair and improvement account. If the buyer of the property chooses to sell the Guy P. Gannett House, the real estate must first be offered to the Commissioner for purchase at the current market value and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters must be notified. Resolve 2013, chapter 50 constitutes a change to the 2001 Capitol Planning Commission master plan.

**LD 1405      An Act To Repeal the Laws Establishing the Cumberland County  
Recreation Center and Transfer Authority to Cumberland County**

**ONTP**

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

This bill repeals Private and Special Law 1971, chapter 86, which established the Cumberland County Recreation Center to establish and operate the Cumberland County Civic Center, and transfers the rights and responsibilities to Cumberland County.

**LD 1408      An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Secession by a Municipality  
from a County**

**PUBLIC 210  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT LACHOWICZ	OTP-AM	H-197



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systems trail mapping. The resolve requires the board to report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 1, 2014.

**LD 1516      An Act To Allow Certain Military Personnel To Administer Oaths and Perform the Duties of a Notary Public      PUBLIC 178**

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

This bill provides that commissioned and warrant officers of the state military forces may administer oaths for the purpose of the administration of military justice and for other purposes of military administration. It also provides that judge advocates and paralegals serving in the state military forces have the powers of a notary public in the performance of all notarial acts to be executed for a member of the state military forces or United States Armed Forces or the spouse of a member of the state military forces or United States Armed Forces.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 178 provides that commissioned and warrant officers of the state military forces may administer oaths for the purpose of the administration of military justice and for other purposes of military administration. It also provides that judge advocates and paralegals serving in the state military forces have the powers of a notary public in the performance of all notarial acts to be executed for a member of the state military forces or United States Armed Forces or the spouse of a member of the state military forces or United States Armed Forces.

**LD 1539      Resolve, To Restore the Integrity of the State Pay System      ONTP**

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

This resolve requires that for one year, beginning July 1, 2013, state employees be awarded one salary step increase and any longevity pay those employees are entitled to under a collective bargaining agreement in effect or, if a collective bargaining agreement is not in effect, under the most recently expired collective bargaining agreement.

**LD 1541      An Act To Ensure That Legislators Share the Sacrifice with Civil Servants in the Event of a State Government Shutdown      CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill requires the salary of all Legislators to be reduced by an amount that is proportional to the length of a shutdown that occurs due to a biennial budget's not being enacted into law by July 1st of an odd-numbered year.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

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**LD 1547 An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill authorizes municipalities to provide benefits of up to \$750 for persons who serve as volunteer firefighters or volunteer emergency medical services' personnel.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 1557 An Act To Reapportion the Districts of the State Senate, State House of Representatives and County Commissioners**

**PUBLIC 270**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
		H-337 MCCABE

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This bill is the unanimous report of the commission established to reapportion the districts of the Legislature pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A. This bill repeals the provisions of law that establish the Maine Senate districts and House of Representative districts on December 3, 2014 to correspond with the convening of the 127th Legislature and establishes the districts for the Maine Senate and the Maine House of Representatives for elections to the 127th Legislature and subsequent Legislatures. Part C of this bill repeals the section of law that establishes the county commissioner districts and establishes new county commissioner districts.

**House Amendment "A" (H-337)**

This amendment corrects erroneous county designations for certain House Districts and makes other technical changes to reflect the proper names of areas in the unorganized territory. This amendment also adjusts the expiration of terms for certain county commissioners to ensure that the terms remain staggered.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 270 reapportions the districts of the Legislature pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A. It repeals the provisions of law that establish the Maine Senate districts and House of Representative districts on December 3, 2014 to correspond with the convening of the 127th Legislature and establishes the districts for the Maine Senate and the Maine House of Representatives for elections to the 127th Legislature and subsequent Legislatures.

Public Law 2013, chapter 270 repeals the section of law that establishes the county commissioner districts, establishes new county commissioner districts and adjusts the expiration of terms for certain county commissioners to ensure that the terms remain staggered.

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**LD 1561 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Secession from a Municipality**

**PUBLIC 384  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT JACKSON T	OTP-AM ONTP	H-539

This bill amends the municipal secession law by requiring that residents seeking to secede from a municipality obtain permission from the Legislature to proceed. Authorization must be received before conducting the referendum, engaging in the conflict resolution process and submitting final implementation legislation.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-539)**

This amendment authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature related to secession from a municipality.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 384 amends the municipal secession law by requiring that residents seeking to secede from a municipality obtain permission from the Legislature to proceed. Authorization must be received before conducting the referendum, engaging in the conflict resolution process and submitting final implementation legislation. Public Law 2013, chapter 384 authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature related to secession from a municipality.

Public Law 2013, chapter 384 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2013.

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## Monuments and Memorial Days

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LD 48      An Act To Streamline the Publication of Municipal Reports      MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT

LD 183      An Act To Exempt Municipalities That Do Not Hold Annual Meetings from  
Required Publication of an Annual Report      ONTP

LD 413      An Act To Expand Eligible Project Costs in Development Districts      DIED BETWEEN  
HOUSES

LD 787      An Act To Encourage Municipal Infrastructure Improvement      ONTP

LD 1021      An Act To Establish as a Public Record the Performance Evaluation of a  
Municipal Employee      REPORT A  
(ONTP)

LD 1122      An Act Allowing Municipalities To Enact Firearms Policies in Local  
Government Buildings      MAJORITY  
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LD 1133      An Act Concerning the Removal of Municipal Employees      DIED IN  
CONCURRENCE

LD 1177      An Act To Implement the Recommendations from the Discontinued and  
Abandoned Roads Stakeholder Group      CARRIED OVER

LD 1273      An Act Pertaining to the Closing of Municipal Roads for Community Use      ONTP



**State Property**

**Not Enacted**

**LD 1152**     **Resolve, To Continue Consultation and Conditions Prerequisite to the Sale  
or Lease of Certain Real Property in Hallowell**

**CARRIED OVER**

**Unorganized Territory**

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