



The Chamber's legislative committee meets to survey the legislative landscape, keep you informed on proposed legislation and create advocacy opportunities for members!

It's imperative that our members stay engaged in the legislative process and have a voice in the policies and procedures impacting our communities businesses and employees.

If you are interested in joining this committee please email us on the link below:

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Local News

There will be a special election on February 11, 2025 to fill a vacancy on the Skowhegan board of selectmen.

Election Day in Maine

Recounts are abundant following this years election! After numerous legislative recounts and a ranked-choice run off for Maines 2nd Congressional District, many candidates are still undeclared. The Maine State Chamber of Commerce has provided the following overview of the 132nd Maine State Legislature.

132nd Maine Legislature at a Glance

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November 19, 2024

The Balance of Power¹

Maine Senate		Maine House	
Democrats	20	Democrats	76
Republicans	15	Republicans	72
Independents	0	Independents	2

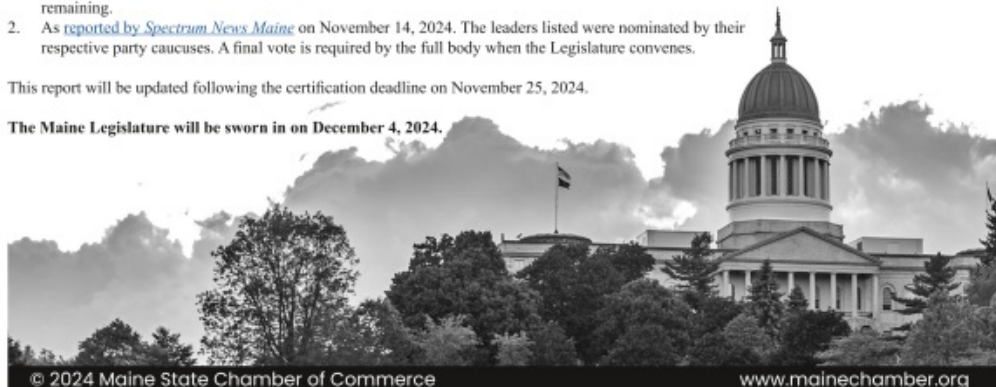
The Leadership²

Maine Senate		Maine House	
Senate President	Sen. Mattie Daughtry (D-Cumberland County)	House Speaker	Rep. Ryan Fecteau (D-Biddeford)
Majority Leader	Sen. Teresa Pierce (D-Cumberland County)	Majority Leader	Rep. Matt Moonen (D-Portland)
Assistant Majority Leader	Sen. Jill Duson (D-Cumberland County)	Assistant Majority Leader	Rep. Lori Gramlich (D-Old Orchard)
Minority Leader	Sen. Trey Stewart (R-Aroostook County)	Minority Leader	Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham (R- Winter Harbor)
Assistant Minority Leader	Sen. Matt Harrington (R-York County)	Assistant Minority Leader	Rep. Katrina Smith (R-Palermo)

1. As reported by [Spectrum News Maine](#) on November 14, 2024. Of the 151 House races, one remains too close to call and, according to a [report from Maine Public](#) on November 19, 2024, there are nine recounts remaining.
2. As reported by [Spectrum News Maine](#) on November 14, 2024. The leaders listed were nominated by their respective party caucuses. A final vote is required by the full body when the Legislature convenes.

This report will be updated following the certification deadline on November 25, 2024.

The Maine Legislature will be sworn in on December 4, 2024.



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Maine Paid Family Medical Leave Program

Since being signed into law in 2024, the Paid Family and Medical Leave Rulemaking process has been at the forefront of Chamber news.

In January 2025, all employers will be required to register in the Paid Leave Portal. If you have a payroll provider, you can designate them during the registration process. Click [HERE](#) for a one page summary for employers!

Its important for all employers to stay up to date on this incredibly impactful law. Additional resources can be found [HERE](#)

The Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature began January 3, 2024 and adjourned on Friday, May 10, 2024. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16, the general effective date for nonemergency laws passed in the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature was Friday, August 9, 2024.

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You can find live and archived proceedings on the legislative [Event Calendar](#), and via [Senate](#) or [House](#) internet streaming.

Current law can be retrieved via the [Session Law](#) page and the [Statute pages](#).

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