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Issue 1



They're Back!

The 131st Maine Legislature will begin its first regular session on this Wednesday, December 7, 2022 where members of both chambers will be sworn in for duty. Governor Janet Mills will remain Maine's top leader, defeating Paul LePage, 55% to 43%. As many of you know, every two years the Legislature is essentially turned over as "new". During "long session" as it is commonly called for the first session, Legislators will also work and pass a budget. This year, we can expect a narrower budget due to significant reduction in federally funded dollars coming in from Pandemic relief efforts.

Maine's Political Makeup:

With the 2022 elections behind us, the makeup of the Maine Legislature is similar to that of the 130th. Democrats will hold onto the majority in both chambers.

State Senate:

35 districts: 22 Democrats, 13 Republicans

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State House:

151 districts: 82 Democrats, 67 Republicans,

2 Independents [Find your Rep!](#)

Worth Noting!— 51 State Reps are *newly elected* and serving their first term as a state-level Representative!

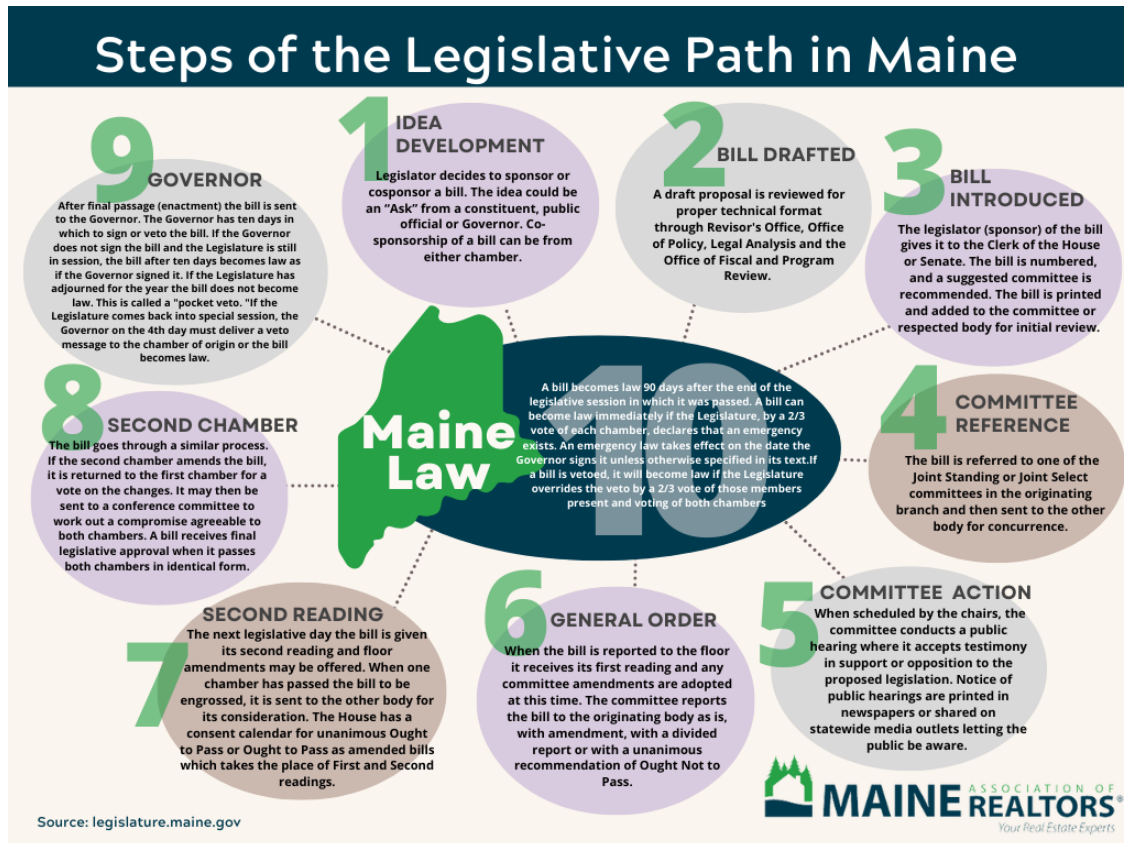
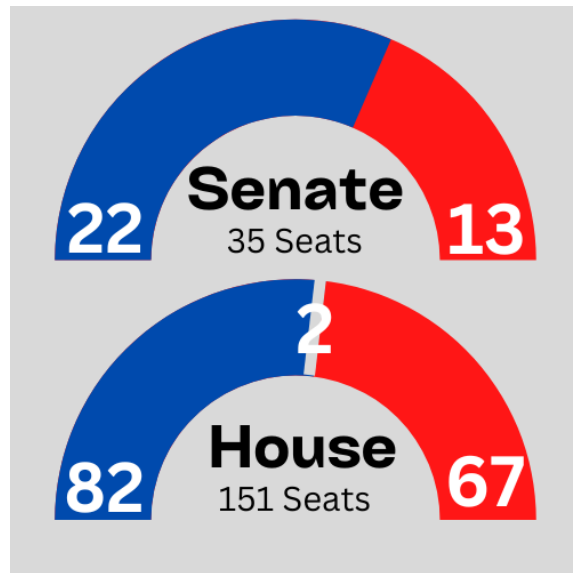
Do you know your Legislator or have a personal connection to someone serving our state? Let us know!

Email Claire@mainerealtors.com.

Do you know how a Bill becomes Law?

For the 131st First Regular Session all Bill submissions are due in advance of the session, typically in late December (also referred to as **Cloture**) From there they will be scheduled throughout the session by means of [this process](#).

It all starts with an idea!



Congratulations REALTORS® serving in the 131st:

Senator Matthew Pouliot- District 15

Representative Gregory Swallow- District 7

Representative Danny Costain- District 33

Representative Victoria Doudera- District 41

Representative Katrina Smith- District 62

Representative Joshua Morris- District 91

Representative Amy Arata- District 104 (House
Leadership)



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