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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 127th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i>	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is October 15, 2015. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

This bill prohibits the State and its political subdivisions from assisting, participating with or providing material support or resources to enable or facilitate a federal agency in the collection or use of a person's electronic data or metadata without the person's informed consent, without a warrant based upon probable cause that particularly describes the person, place or thing to be searched or seized or without acting in accordance with a legally recognized exception to the warrant requirements.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-275)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies the language in the bill concerning the permitted activities of the State and its political subdivisions in participating with a federal agency in the collection and use of a person's electronic data and metadata. It also specifies that the prohibition applies to electronic data and metadata associated with a person's landline, cellular or satellite telephone, handheld electronic device, global positioning system device, personal computer, e-mail account, private messaging service or cloud database service.

LD 553 An Act To Include a Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs ONTP
in the House of Representatives

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

This bill makes the statutory changes necessary to include a representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in the Maine House of Representatives beginning with the 128th Legislature.

LD 574 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Maine Veto Sustained
Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse

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

This bill allows the designee of a county sheriff appointed to the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse to serve on the commission and replaces one at-large member with the executive director of a tribal coalition against sexual assault and domestic violence. The current at-large member will serve until the expiration of that member's term.

LD 583 An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Mortuary Trust Accounts as They ONTP
Relate to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act

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

This bill clarifies that presumptive abandonment of demand, savings and time deposit accounts does not apply to prearranged funeral and burial plans. Those plans are explicitly covered by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, section 1953, subsection 1, paragraph P.