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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 128<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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 State and Local Government*

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 2 authorizes the Aroostook County Board of Commissioners to seek approval from the residents of Township 17, Range 4, WELS, to rename the township to Sinclair.

Private and Special Law, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2017.

**LD 25      An Act To Remove the Legislative Council from the Capitol Area      Died Between  
Development Approval Process      Houses**

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

This bill eliminates the requirement that construction projects located within the Capitol Area receive approval of the Legislative Council.

**LD 45      Resolve, Concerning the Ownership of a Causeway on Long Lake near      Veto Sustained  
St. Agatha**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN D	OTP-AM	S-88

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to clarify ownership of a causeway linking Pelletier Island on Long Lake near St. Agatha and Sinclair to Beaulieu Road.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)**

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Commissioner of Transportation to convene a working group, including local stakeholders, to study the ownership of the causeway connecting Pelletier Island located on Long Lake near St. Agatha to the mainland. The resolve requires the group to examine options and develop recommendations to resolve the ownership of the causeway and to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government no later than November 30, 2017. It authorizes the committee to report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**LD 69      An Act To Increase the Salary of the Governor      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARRIN B WHITTEMORE R	ONTP	

This bill increases the Governor's salary from \$70,000 per year to \$150,000 per year beginning January 2019.