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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs*

**LD 122**      **An Act To Allow Schools To Operate Nonprofit Bingo Events for Children and Families**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C CYRWAY S	ONTP	

This bill allows elementary and secondary schools to operate beano or bingo games for the entertainment of and recreation for the schools' students and the students' families if the games are not for profit. In lieu of this bill, the committee unanimously supported an amendment to the biennial budget which provided for the conduct of beano or bingo at schools under certain criteria.

**LD 126**      **An Act To Establish New Monetary Caps for Legislative Candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act**      **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This bill decreases by 1/3 the amount of the distribution from the Maine Clean Election Fund a participating candidate running for State Senator or State Representative may receive under the Maine Clean Election Act.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-303)**

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill reducing the amount of funding to the Maine Clean Election Fund.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 136**      **An Act Regarding the Eviction Process**      **PUBLIC 103**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CYRWAY S BRADSTREET R	OTP-AM	S-98

This bill expands the causes for a seven-day notice of termination of tenancy to include: violence, a threat of violence or sexual assault against other tenants, their guests, the landlord or the landlord's employees or agents; an unauthorized occupation of the premises; and the provision of false information on the tenant's rental application.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-98)**

This amendment clarifies that a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who has taken reasonable actions to comply with a landlord's request for the protection of tenants, guests or invitees or the landlord from violence or the threat of violence or sexual assault is not subject to eviction with a seven-day notice of termination. The amendment also removes the provision of the bill permitting seven-day notice of termination of tenancy if a tenant provides false information on the tenant's rental application.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 103 expands the causes for a seven-day notice of termination of tenancy. The law allows