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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

This bill prohibits a political action committee from compensating a Legislator or member of the Legislator's immediate family or household or a business owned or operated by the Legislator for services provided to the committee if the Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer of the committee or is one of the individuals primarily responsible for raising contributions or making decisions for the committee.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-93)

The bill prohibits a political action committee for which a Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer from compensating a Legislator's family member or household member for services provided to the committee. This amendment removes that prohibition.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 98 prohibits a political action committee from compensating a Legislator or a business owned or operated by the Legislator for services provided to the committee if the Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer of the committee or is one of the individuals primarily responsible for raising contributions or making decisions for the committee.

### LD 544      **An Act To Expand Wine and Beer Tastings at Retail Establishments**      ONTP

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

Current law allows a person licensed for retail sale of wine or malt liquor for off-premises consumption to conduct taste tastings on the licensee's premises if the licensee stocks at least 125 different labels of wine or 100 different labels of malt liquor. This bill removes the minimum stock requirements.

### LD 564      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Number of Signatures Required for a Direct Initiative of Legislation**      ONTP

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that the number of signatures on a direct initiative petition be at least 15% of the total vote for President cast in the State in the last presidential election. The Constitution of Maine currently requires this number to be at least 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election.

### LD 568      **An Act To Require Candidates To Be Listed as Unenrolled If Not Registered with a Recognized Party**      **Died Between Houses**

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

This bill requires that the political designation for an unenrolled candidate who is nominated by petition be "unenrolled" and disallows the term "independent" for an unenrolled candidate. This bill also prohibits a candidate