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128th 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 128th 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
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation 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 WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled 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
PUBLIC XXX
RESOLVE XXX
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128th 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 955 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DESCHAMBAULT S SPEAR J		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,000,000, will be used to provide funds to recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 964 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
FREDETTE K		
DAVIS P		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to enhance and restore rivers, streams and fish and wildlife habitats and to allow communities to better prepare for extreme storms and floods.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 981 An Act Regarding State Investments and the Dakota Access Pipeline

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CHIPMAN B	ONTP	
SYLVESTER M	OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits the Treasurer of State from depositing funds in any bank that is providing funds, extending credit or otherwise engaged in financing the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline. This bill also prohibits the Treasurer of State from investing in the securities of a corporation or company or other entity that is providing funds, extending credit or otherwise engaged in financing the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline. This bill requires the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to divest its holdings in any corporation or company that is constructing or funding construction of the so-called Dakota Access pipeline. The bill requires divestment to be completed by January 1, 2019.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-68)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.