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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 amendment, the majority report, replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies that mail-in rebates may offer an incrementally greater discount on the purchase of liquor based upon increased volume of purchased product.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 153 clarifies that mail-in rebates offered to consumers on the purchase of spirits, beer, wine and low alcohol spirits products may offer an incrementally greater discount on the purchase of liquor based upon increased volume of purchased product.

**LD 1033      An Act To Eliminate the 24-hour Reporting Requirement under the Election Laws      Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G LUCHINI L	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill removes the requirement for political candidates, party committees and political action committees to report to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices within 24 hours of receiving certain contributions or making certain expenditures after the 14th day before an election.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-213)**

This amendment, the minority report, replaces the bill, which eliminates the requirement that political action committees, state party committees, local party committees and candidates file 24-hour reports for certain contributions and expenditures. The amendment eliminates the 24-hour reporting requirement for expenditures of \$1,000 or more made by candidates.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1035      An Act To Require an Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court on Direct Initiatives of Legislation      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill requires the Legislature to request an opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for a direct initiative of legislation that will be submitted to the voters. It also requires that this opinion be printed on the ballot containing the direct initiative of legislation.

**LD 1046      An Act To Require Maine Clean Election Act Candidates To Purchase Services from Maine-based Companies      ONTP**

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

This bill provides that services purchased by a candidate with funds from the Maine Clean Election Fund must be purchased from a business with an office in this State unless no such business is available to provide the services.