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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 Judiciary*

the foreclosure action does not prevail or did not bring the action in good faith, the court can order the plaintiff to pay costs and attorney's fees.

**LD 1057      An Act To Protect Condominium Owners in the Event of a Power Outage** **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This bill allows a condominium unit owner to install a backup electricity generator in a common element space as long as the installation does not block or disrupt the use of the common element space.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-291)**

This amendment is the minority report. It allows a condominium unit owner to install an electricity generator in a limited common element space associated with the unit instead of in a common element space, which is open to all units.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1099      Resolve, To Require the State To Bring Suit against the Federal Government for Failure To Comply with the Federal Refugee Act of 1980** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LOCKMAN L DAVIS P	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Attorney General to initiate or intervene in a civil action against the Federal Government in opposition to the federal Refugee Act of 1980 and the imposition of financial mandates on the State. If the Attorney General sends notice to the Senate and the House of Representatives declining to initiate or intervene in a civil action required by this resolve, this resolve authorizes the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to employ outside counsel to commence the civil action.

**LD 1120      Resolve, Directing the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse To Study Economic Abuse** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAY J	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse to study the effect of economic abuse and the enforcement of laws to prevent economic abuse and to provide relief to victims of economic abuse, to study the provision of training opportunities for public officials, to study the provision of a media campaign and to study the creation of programs to provide legal remedies, including the reimbursement of attorney's fees.