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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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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 State and Local Government*

**LD 1295     An Act To Create the Procurement Review Board**

**Died Between  
Houses**

Sponsor(s)

LIBBY N

Committee Report

OTP-AM  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill establishes the Procurement Review Board, which is required to review and approve or disapprove all requests for proposals, bids, contract renewals, amendments, extensions or other changes to an existing contract for the State's procurement of supplies, professional or artistic services, construction and real property and capital improvement leases valued at \$1,000,000 or more. The board by majority vote may review procurements valued at less than \$1,000,000.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-274)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment establishes the Sole-source Procurement Review Board, which is required to review and approve or disapprove all sole-source contracts and contract renewals, amendments, extensions or other changes to an existing sole-source contract for the procurement of supplies or services, including but not limited to professional, artistic and construction services, and for real property and capital improvement leases procured by the State. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1309     Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Business Ownership by  
Racial and Ethnic Populations and the Wealth Gap in the State**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

TALBOT ROSS R  
SAVIELLO T

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study Business Ownership by Racial and Ethnic Populations and the Wealth Gap in the State.

**LD 1345     An Act To Provide Alternative Repayment Methods to Employees  
Overcompensated through an Employer Error**

**CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)

DOORE D  
DAVIS P

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to establish an alternative method for an employee to pay back an employer for overcompensation of the employee due to the employer's error that is less of a hardship on the employee than the present requirements of law, which allow an employer to deduct up to 10% of an employee's wages to pay back the overcompensation of the employee.

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