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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 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..... 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 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

LD 1509

An Act To Prohibit Retired State Employees and Teachers from Returning to Work While Collecting Retirement Benefits

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMPSON H MASON G		

This bill prohibits retired state employees or retired teachers from returning to employment after retirement, either as a state employee or as a teacher, while collecting retirement benefits from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. This prohibition does not apply to retired state employees or retired teachers who are hired as independent contractors pursuant to a service contract lasting less than one year or as a substitute teacher.

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

LD 1510

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Wastewater Infrastructure Projects for Ratification by Voters in the June 2017 Election

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to fund the replacement of malfunctioning septic systems, wastewater treatment facility planning, construction grants and hydrographic modeling in coastal watersheds, prioritizing areas with high-value shellfish resources and assistance to homeowners whose homes are served by substandard or malfunctioning wastewater treatment systems.

Certain provisions of this bill are contained in LD 1552 as enacted.

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

LD 1511

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Protection of Public Health and Marine Resources and To Achieve Cost Savings in State Facilities Owned by the Department of Marine Resources

CARRIED OVER

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,373,000, will be used to protect public health while preserving access to marine resources for commercial and recreational harvest, ensure effective enforcement of the marine resources laws and achieve cost savings at state facilities of the Department of Marine Resources.

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