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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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## 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 1635**

**Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands**

**RESOLVE 19**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-521

This resolve amends Resolve 2013, chapter 56, which authorizes the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey certain lots or parcels of land in Adamstown Township in Oxford County to the West Richardson Pond Public Lot Association. The resolve instead authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to convey these lots or parcels of land to the individual lessees of each lot or parcel.

The resolve also authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to grant an access easement to the Town of Fort Kent across the Fort Kent State Historic Site to allow for strengthening and heightening of the earthen flood barrier along the St. John River and protect the Fort Kent Blockhouse, a National Historic Landmark, from flooding.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-521)**

This amendment removes the section of the resolve authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey certain lots or parcels of land in Adamstown Township in Oxford County to the individual lessees of each lot or parcel. It retains the section that authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to grant an access easement to the Town of Fort Kent across the Fort Kent State Historic Site to allow for strengthening and heightening of the earthen flood barrier along the St. John River and protect the Fort Kent Blockhouse, a National Historic Landmark, from flooding.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 19 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to grant an access easement to the Town of Fort Kent across the Fort Kent State Historic Site to allow for strengthening and heightening of the earthen flood barrier along the St. John River and protect the Fort Kent Blockhouse, a National Historic Landmark, from flooding.

**LD 1640**

**Resolve, To Allow the Issuance of Open Burn Permits through Private Online Services**

**RESOLVE 22  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T		

This resolve was not referred to committee.

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry to allow municipalities to purchase and use burn permit software from a private party to issue burn permits online if all statutory requirements of issuing burn permits are met by the software.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 22 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry to allow municipalities to purchase and use burn permit software from a private party to issue burn permits online if all statutory requirements of issuing burn permits are met by the software.