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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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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LD 1668 An Act To Change Certain Gender-specific Terminology in the Laws Regarding Municipalities and Counties

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MALABY R	ONTP OTP	

This bill changes the terms "selectman" and "selectmen" to "selectperson" and "selectpersons" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A.

LD 1673 An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Codyville Plantation

P & S 11

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B	OTP-AM	H-609

This bill provides for the deorganization of Codyville Plantation in Washington County, subject to approval at local referendum.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-609)

This amendment adds language to the bill to provide for the withdrawal of Codyville Plantation from the East Range II Community School District on June 30, 2019, if the legal voters of Codyville Plantation approve the referendum to deorganize as provided in the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 11 provides for the deorganization of Codyville Plantation in Washington County, subject to approval at local referendum. If the legal voters of Codyville Plantation approve the referendum to deorganize, Codyville Plantation withdraws from the East Range II Community School District effective June 30, 2019, and deorganization takes effect July 1, 2019.

LD 1679 An Act Regarding the Registry of Deeds in Oxford County

**PUBLIC 330
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WINSOR T	OTP-AM	H-598

This bill provides that the Oxford County commissioners may close the office of the register of deeds at Fryeburg.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-598)

This amendment replaces the bill, which authorizes the Oxford County commissioners to close the office of the western district register of deeds in Fryeburg. Instead, the amendment does the following:

1. It repeals the provision of law providing for the Oxford County western registry district and eliminates the associated position of western district register of deeds effective December 31, 2018.
2. It provides for the election of a single register of deeds to serve all of Oxford County at the next general election in November 2018.

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3. It specifies that the current register of deeds of the western district and the western district office operate and function without change between the effective date of this legislation and the repeal date of December 31, 2018. It requires that, effective January 1, 2019, the Oxford County register of deeds maintain a western subregistry of deeds that includes all records of the former western registry district. It also requires that the county register of deeds operate a subregistry office at the location of the former western registry district office in Fryeburg, unless the Oxford County commissioners fulfill the following requirements: conduct two public hearings in the area served by the office; vote to close the office on a date certain; duplicate all historical maps and plot plans and provide copies to the member towns; make provisions for preservation of and access to the record books; provide online access to all documents; make electronic recording of documents available; and provide electronic recording at no additional cost or surcharge for municipal governments. Upon fulfilling these requirements, the county commissioners may close the Fryeburg Office.

The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 330 does the following:

- 1. It repeals the provision of law providing for the Oxford County western registry district and eliminates the associated position of western district register of deeds effective December 31, 2018.
- 2. It provides for the election of a single register of deeds to serve all of Oxford County at the next general election in November 2018.
- 3. It specifies that the current register of deeds of the western district and the western district office operate and function without change between the effective date of this legislation and the repeal date of December 31, 2018. It requires that, effective January 1, 2019, the Oxford County register of deeds maintain a western subregistry of deeds that includes all records of the former western registry district. It also requires that the county register of deeds operate a subregistry office at the location of the former western registry district office in Fryeburg, unless the Oxford County commissioners fulfill the following requirements: conduct two public hearings in the area served by the office; vote to close the office on a date certain; duplicate all historical maps and plot plans and provide copies to the member towns; make provisions for preservation of and access to the record books; provide online access to all documents; make electronic recording of documents available; and provide electronic recording at no additional cost or surcharge for municipal governments. Upon fulfilling these requirements, the county commissioners may close the Fryeburg Office.

Public Law 2017, chapter 330 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 7, 2018.

LD 1764 An Act To Streamline Advocacy for Maine Small Businesses by Relocating the Bureau of the Special Advocate within the Department of the Secretary of State to the Department of Economic and Community Development

Died Between Houses

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

This bill relocates the Bureau of the Special Advocate from the Department of the Secretary of State to the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-638)