

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE,
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

October 2018

STAFF:

HENRY FOUTS, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
JANET STOCCO, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670
<http://legislature.maine.gov/opla/>

MEMBERS:

SEN. AMY F. VOLK, CHAIR
SEN. BRIAN D. LANGLEY
SEN. SHEENA LEE BELLOWS

REP. RYAN M. FECTEAU, CHAIR
REP. ANNE-MARIE MASTRACCIO
REP. DILLON F. BATES*
REP. JAMES R. HANDY
REP. DONNA R. DOORE
REP. MICHELLE DUNPHY*
REP. MICHAEL A. SYLVESTER
REP. SUSAN M. W. AUSTIN
REP. LAWRENCE E. LOCKMAN
REP. JOEL R. STETKIS
REP. KAREN R. VACHON

*Committee member for a portion of the session

STATE OF MAINE

128TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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.

Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

6. It directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to study whether the income levels currently required for qualified Pine Tree Development Zone employees should be amended in order to more effectually describe high-quality jobs and whether the geographical limitations of the program should be amended in light of the public policy objectives of the program and to submit a report of its findings and any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters.

7. It requires a signed and notarized statement from a business applying for certification as a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business that the establishment or expansion of operations within the Pine Tree Development Zone would not occur within the State absent the availability of the Pine Tree Development Zone benefits.

This law also includes an appropriation to allow the Department of Economic and Community Development to update tax incentive software to meet the reporting requirements specified in the amendment.

LD 1718 An Act To Empower Maine's Rural Economy and Workforce ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E THIBODEAU M	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 that proposes to empower Maine's rural economy and workforce.

LD 1757 An Act To Protect Maine's Economy by Slowing the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Will Increase and Establishing a Training and Youth Wage Died Between Houses

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

This bill affects the minimum wage by:

1. Reducing the minimum wage from \$10 per hour to \$9.50 per hour beginning June 1, 2018;
2. Reducing the amount by which the minimum hourly wage rates are scheduled to increase annually on January 1st from 2019 to 2021 from \$1 per year to 50 cents per year, and decreasing from \$12 to \$11 the minimum hourly wage rate required to be paid in 2021;
3. Eliminating the cost-of-living adjustment to the minimum wage; and
4. Establishing a training minimum wage for employees 18 years of age or older and under 20 years of age for the first 90 days of employment and a youth minimum wage for employees under 18 years of age.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-666)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It strikes and replaces the bill. It amends the minimum wage law by keeping the current minimum wage of \$10 per hour until January 1, 2020, when the minimum hourly wage rate is increased to \$10.50. On January 1st from 2021 to 2023 the minimum hourly wage rate is increased 50¢ per year, ending in a \$12 minimum hourly wage rate in 2023. Beginning January 1, 2024, the minimum hourly wage rate is increased by any increase in the annual cost of living, as is scheduled in current law for 2021.