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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.

LD 1725   **An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses**   **PUBLIC 341**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LUCHINI L MASON G	OTP-AM	H-585

This bill permanently prohibits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations from suspending, revoking or refusing to renew certain licenses for the manufacture or sale of liquor issued prior to June 1, 2017 based solely on a change in the bureau's interpretation of the terms "exclusively held" and "exclusively owned" or based solely on a conflict with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 707, subsection 2, 3 or 4.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-585)

The bill establishes June 1, 2017 as the date before which certain liquor licensees must have been issued a license to be subject to the grandfathering provision in the bill. This amendment changes that date to January 1, 2018.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017 chapter 341 prohibits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations from suspending, revoking or refusing to renew certain licenses for the manufacture or sale of liquor issued prior to January 1, 2018 based solely on a change in the bureau's interpretation of the terms "exclusively held" and "exclusively owned" or based solely on a conflict with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 707, subsection 2, 3 or 4.

LD 1726   **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections**   **Died Between Houses**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LUCHINI L	OTP-AM OTP-AM	

This bill makes the following changes to the election laws.

1. It reduces the retention period for the receipt for certified copies of the incoming voting list from one year to six months.

2. It adds a retention period of six months for test ballots and documentation of testing.

3. It adds a deadline for an aggrieved person to appeal a decision of the registrar of voters regarding the person's voter registration.

4. It removes an obsolete requirement that primary and nomination petitions for the nomination of county commissioners must specify the term office.

5. It clarifies that county committee members residing within county commissioner districts make choices for county commissioner nominations for vacancies.

6. It provides that when two United States Senators are to be elected, the term of office sought by each candidate must be specified on the ballot.