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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
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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 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry***

**LD 1739**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOW D DEVIN M	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolve authorizes the lease of certain property associated with the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site from the State to the Friends of Colonial Pemaquid to be used for historic preservation and to be open to the public for recreation and education purposes. The lease agreement must require that the property and historical collections be used exclusively for historic preservation and public education purposes.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-358)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee.

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 1747**

**Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues**

**Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J	OTP-AM OTP-AM ONTP	S-388 H-690 DUNPHY M

This resolve establishes the Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues to examine the barriers to economic prosperity in rural parts of the State, how innovation, infrastructure and technology may play a role in long-term, sustainable rural success, the potential impact of requiring State facilities to use a certain percentage of biofuel, and the potential impact that the consolidation of the former Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the former Department of Conservation has had on agricultural issues in this State.

The task force's membership consists of eight legislators, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or his designee, the Director of the Bureau of General Services or his designee, two public members representing blueberry harvesters, and one public member representing forest products landowners.

The task force is required to submit a report including findings and recommendations to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-388)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment strikes and replaces the bill and changes the title.

The amendment directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene a departmental task force to study agricultural issues in the State and invite representatives and farmers from agricultural organizations and industries to participate in the task force, including an economist from the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service to serve as the chair of the task force.

The amendment removes from the task force's original duties the requirement to examine the effect of the consolidation of the former Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Department of