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128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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.

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

value. This bill allows that raffle to include total cash prizes not exceeding \$20,000 with no more than one \$10,000 prize for the holder of a winning chance.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-378)

Current law states that a person or an organization is not required to register with the Gambling Control Unit when conducting a raffle with a prize of \$1,000 or less. This amendment adds provisions to the bill amending the law to increase that prize amount to \$2,500. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 365 amends a provision of the laws governing games of chance which allows an eligible organization registered with the Gambling Control Unit to conduct one raffle in a 12-month period awarding noncash prizes up to \$75,000 in value. Chapter 365 allows that raffle to include total cash prizes not exceeding \$20,000 with no more than one \$10,000 prize for the holder of a winning chance.

Chapter 365 increases the threshold prize amount which requires an organization conducting a raffle to register with the Gambling Control Unit from an amount greater than \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Public Law 2017, chapter 365 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 8, 2018.

LD 1846

An Act To Require the Provision of Photographic Identification by Voters

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARRIN B WHITTEMORE R		

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill requires that a voter provide proof of identity with photographic identification for the purpose of voting. The bill specifies the types of photographic identification that may be used to verify the identity of a voter. It provides that a person who does not present photographic identification may cast a provisional ballot and establishes the process for provisional voting. Under this process, if the person can verify the person's identity to the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or warden or an election clerk within three business days after the election by presenting acceptable photographic identification, the ballot will be cast as a regular ballot. The bill provides that, through the general election of 2018, a person who does not present acceptable photographic identification but is known to a municipal clerk, registrar or election official at the voting place may cast a regular ballot upon submission of an affidavit by the municipal clerk, registrar or election official attesting to the person's identity. The bill requires that provisional ballots must be retained in tamper-proof containers separately from provisional ballot affidavits and the provisional ballot log and that rejected provisional ballots, provisional ballot logs and provisional ballot affidavits must be retained in the same manner as regular ballots and election materials. Finally, the bill requires the Secretary of State to provide, without a fee, nondriver identification cards to eligible persons who do not have another form of acceptable photographic identification to verify identity for the purpose of voting.

LD 1865

An Act To Increase Transparency in the Direct Initiative Process

PUBLIC 418

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	OTP-AM ONTP	H-714