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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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 127th 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i>	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is October 15, 2015. 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 Judiciary

It prohibits a law enforcement agency from using a weaponized unmanned aerial vehicle. Additionally, a law enforcement agency may not use an unmanned aerial vehicle for criminal investigations without a warrant, except as permitted by a recognized exception to the requirement for a warrant under the Constitution of Maine or the United States Constitution. It also prohibits law enforcement use of an unmanned aerial vehicle to conduct surveillance of private citizens peacefully exercising their rights of free speech and assembly.

Chapter 307 requires the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to establish minimum standards for written policies and protocols for use of unmanned aerial vehicles and the Commissioner of Public Safety to annually report to the Legislature.

LD 57

An Act To Increase Mileage Reimbursement and Compensation for Jurors

Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J BURNS	OTP-AM	H-90

This bill increases the mileage reimbursement for citizens who serve as jurors from 15¢ per mile to 44¢ per mile. It restores the per diem compensation to \$20 per day, the rate paid to jurors until 1991.

Juror daily compensation and mileage reimbursement are included in the Biennial Budget, LD 1019, Public Law 2015, chapter 267, part A, section A-43 and Part PPP.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-90)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill. It appropriates funds to pay increased mileage reimbursement and increased per diem compensation to jurors.

LD 58

An Act To Require Transparency of the Ownership of All Companies Providing Funds To Build Infrastructure for Development Purposes

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill requires a private entity to provide complete information about the ownership of that entity before it enters into an agreement with a governmental entity to provide funding for the construction of infrastructure for development purposes. The information must be provided to the governmental entity, which shall immediately release that information to the public. Information about such private entities is a public record for the purpose of the Freedom of Access Act.

This bill applies to all construction of infrastructure for development purposes, including contracts that the Department of Transportation supervises.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-18)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.