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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 Second 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.

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 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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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LD 2 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Purchase and Development of the Bar Harbor Ferry Terminal as a Multimodal Transportation Facility** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HUBBELL B LANGLEY B | ONTP | |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used to purchase the Bar Harbor Ferry Terminal from the government of Canada and to develop it as a multimodal transportation facility.

LD 68 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Attract Business by Investing in High-speed Broadband Infrastructure** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CAMPBELL J WOODSOME D | ONTP | |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill provides for a bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 to be used to expand high-speed municipal broadband infrastructure. The bill also establishes the High-speed Municipal Broadband Infrastructure Fund to assist municipalities in developing and improving their broadband infrastructure, contingent upon passage of the bond issue.

LD 100 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Help Small Businesses** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ALFOND J | ONTP | |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to authorize a General Fund bond issue to benefit small businesses.

LD 108 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SAUCIER R LIBBY N | ONTP | |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to fund a grant program to invest

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in projects along the State's rivers that contribute to economic, environmental and community development and revitalization, promote economic activity, protect the environment and enhance quality of life for Maine people.

LD 193 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BREEN C CAMPBELL R | ONTP | |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$13,871,389, will be used for design and construction of 50 approved bicycle and pedestrian projects currently awaiting funding.

See LD 1694.

LD 212 An Act Concerning Cost-of-living Adjustments for Certain Retirees ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DAVIS P | ONTP | |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill restores the previous cost-of-living adjustment cap of 4% for benefits received by a retired state employee, teacher, judge or legislator whose deceased spouse received social security benefits. Public Law 2011, chapter 380, Part T reduced the retirement benefit cost-of-living adjustment cap from 4% to 3%.

LD 217 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Development of a Multimodal Transportation Facility ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| LANGLEY B HUBBELL B | ONTP | |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$8,000,000, will be used to develop a multimodal transportation facility that includes a marine transportation facility in an area that is near a federally designated Class A port, is within 20 miles of an airport and would support facilities for a bus system.

See LD 1694.