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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

The Judiciary Committee considered proposed committee amendments to address the conflict of interest disclosure policies of the Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN), but did not go forward with the bill because MPBN revised its policies and made the new policies available on the MPBN.net website.

LD 259 **An Act To Increase Compensation for Jurors** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS BLACK	ONTP	

This bill adds parking fees to the compensation paid to citizens who serve as jurors and increases their daily compensation rate from \$10 per day to \$25 per day.

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

LD 267 **An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to implement the recommendations of the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 992.

LD 268 **An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation's and Passamaquoddy Tribe's Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL		

This bill amends the Act To Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement by:

1. Transferring jurisdiction over violations of a tribal ordinance from the State to the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation over a person who is not a member of either tribe or nation in accord with and to the extent authorized by federal law;
2. Increasing the level of certain criminal offenses from a maximum period of imprisonment of one year and a maximum fine amount of \$5,000 to a maximum period of imprisonment of three years and a maximum fine amount of \$15,000 over which the Penobscot Nation has the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction as authorized by the federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010; and