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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 Energy, Utilities and Technology

derived from tidal demonstration projects, which is an increase from five megawatts allowed under the current law.

Lastly, this bill directs the Commission to conduct additional competitive solicitation of proposals for tidal energy demonstration projects as soon as practicable after the bill becomes effective, and to make all reasonable efforts to complete its review of proposals and finalize long-term contracts as soon as practicable after initiating a solicitation.

LD 326 **An Act To Transfer Ownership of the Monhegan Water Company** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN JOHNSON	ONTP	

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

This bill proposes to transfer ownership of the Monhegan Water Company.

LD 339 **An Act To Clarify That the Telephone Number 9-1-1 Is the Only Number Advertised or Promoted for Emergency Response Services** **PUBLIC 62**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION WOODSOME	OTP-AM	H-44

This bill clarifies that the telephone number 9-1-1 is the primary number advertised or promoted for emergency response services. The bill also eliminates certain outdated language regarding the publication of the 9-1-1 number in telephone directories.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-44)

This amendment provides that a person is prohibited from advertising or promoting for emergency response services any telephone number other than 9-1-1. The amendment also provides a process for the imposition of a penalty for a person that uses a number other than 9-1-1 to advertise or promote emergency response services.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 62 specifies that a person may not advertise or promote for emergency response services any telephone number other than 9-1-1. It also creates a process for the imposition of a penalty for a person that uses a number other than 9-1-1 to advertise or promote emergency response services. Lastly, it eliminates certain outdated language regarding the publication of the 9-1-1 number in telephone directories.

LD 340 **An Act To Extend the Statutory Sunset of the Green Power Offer** **PUBLIC 25**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION WOODSOME	OTP-AM	H-22

This bill repeals the statutory sunset of the green power offer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-22)

This amendment extends the statutory sunset of the green power offer to April 1, 2021, instead of repealing the