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**STATE OF MAINE**  
127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 State and Local Government**

Thomaston.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-186)**

This amendment changes the title of the resolve. The resolve provides the authority to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell or lease properties in Augusta, Bangor and Thomaston. The amendment removes four properties in Augusta from the list. The properties removed are the property identified as the District Courthouse, the Daschlager House, the McLean House and the Smith-Merrill House.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-214)**

This amendment gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to sell or lease the property formerly known as the Maine State Police Barracks in the Town of Orono.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2015, chapter 28 gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to sell or lease the property identified as the Elizabeth Levinson Center in Bangor, the Ship Street Houses in Thomaston and the Maine State Police Barracks in the Town of Orono.

**LD 741**

**An Act To Provide Expanded Powers to the Executive Director of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority**

**Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule**

Sponsor(s)  
SAVIELLO  
NUTTING

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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

This bill proposes to provide expanded powers to the Executive Director of the Kennebec Regional Development Authority.

**LD 780**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey the Parcel of Land in Kittery Known as John Paul Jones Memorial Park to the Town of Kittery**

**RESOLVE 24**

Sponsor(s)  
HILL  
RYKERSON

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
S-80

This resolve authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to gift the state property known as John Paul Jones Memorial Park to the Town of Kittery. It restricts the use of the property to public noncommercial governmental purposes, and the property reverts to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry if used otherwise. The resolve also gives the department right of first refusal in perpetuity to take the property back if the Town of Kittery proposes to transfer the property to a third party not affiliated with the town.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-80)**

This amendment specifies that the property to be conveyed pursuant to the resolve must continue to be used and managed for public noncommercial governmental purposes as a public park, replacing language that stated the property is to be used for public noncommercial governmental purposes only.