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STATE OF MAINE  
127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND 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 Second 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.

*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 127<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 924**

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Enhance State Parks**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K SAVIELLO T	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 \$5,190,000, will be used to enhance state parks by providing funds for upgrades and safety improvements, and ensuring compliance with federal laws, for bathroom facilities, septic systems, entry gates, historic sites and structures, piers and docks, park roads, water supply and distribution systems, dams and locks, handicapped access areas and playgrounds.

**LD 927**

**An Act To Remove the Age Penalty for State Retirees Working at Institutions That Are Closing**

**Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALLEY R BURNS D	OTP-AM ONTP	

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

This bill removes the reduction of 6% of the benefits of a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for each year under the age of 65 if the member:

1. Has 25 years of creditable service;
2. Has not reached the age of 61 years, six months and one day; and
3. Is or was employed at a state facility over 100 miles from the nearest facility in the same department and that facility has closed or is scheduled to close during the member's employment.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-674)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It strikes the bill and replaces it with language that allows employees at certain state correctional facilities who have not reached their normal retirement age to retire and receive their full retirement benefit if certain conditions are met and funding is appropriated for the additional actuarial costs that result from the elimination of a reduction for retirement prior to normal retirement age. This amendment also requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to provide certification of the pending closure of a state correctional facility to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. The amendment requires the retirement system to calculate the amount of funding necessary to pay for the actuarial costs and report that information to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters which may report out legislation appropriating funds for the costs set forth in the report.

This amendment was not adopted.