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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 State and Local Government

Resolve 2015, chapter 17 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 26, 2015.

LD 1166 An Act To Protect Taxpayers by Regulating Personal Services Contracts

PUBLIC 345

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN R PATRICK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-170 S-321 HAMPER

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to coordinate with all state departments and agencies to make cost-savings information available on the department's website for the winners of all competitively bid service contracts for the State. Cost-savings information for a contract with a new contractor must, where applicable, include the projected savings of the contract over the State's costs of providing the same service and include the amount of savings over the previous contractor. Cost-savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a contract for the first time must include details of the expiring contract's cost savings and details of continued cost-savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. Cost-savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a contract beyond a first renewal or extension must include details on continued cost-savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. This bill requires that the Director of the Bureau of General Services, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, establish practices and procedures to make the cost-savings information available on the department's website and gives the director the authority to do this by rule.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-170)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill which includes funds for one Management Analyst II position.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-321)

This amendment reduces the position in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, division of purchases from one full-time position to a half-time position.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 345 requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to coordinate with all state departments and agencies to make cost-savings information available on the department's website for the winners of all competitively bid service contracts for the State. Cost-savings information for a contract with a new contractor must, where applicable, include the projected savings of the contract over the State's costs of providing the same service and include the amount of savings over the previous contractor. Cost-savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a contract for the first time must include details of the expiring contract's cost savings and details of continued cost-savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. Cost-savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a contract beyond a first renewal or extension must include details on continued cost-savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. Public Law 2015, chapter 345 requires that the Director of the Bureau of General Services, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, establish practices and procedures to make the cost-savings information available on the department's website and gives the director the authority to do this by rule.

LD 1190 An Act To Amend the Androscoggin County Charter

CARRIED OVER

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

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

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

This bill proposes to amend the Androscoggin County charter.

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

LD 1206 An Act To Allow County Corrections Officers To Participate in the CARRIED OVER
Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and
Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

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

This bill allows county corrections officers to participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program and renames the program and related fund accordingly.

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

LD 1212 An Act To Support Transparency in Government through the Maine Died On
Capitol Connection Channel Program Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J CUSHING	OTP-AM ONTP	H-127

This bill provides ongoing funds to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network to operate the Maine Capitol Connection channel.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-127)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1274 An Act To Allow the Governor To Review Routine Technical Rules ONTP

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

This bill requires all routine technical rules to be provisionally adopted for 12 months following proposal. During this period, the Governor may refer the rule to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the rule for review in the same manner as a major substantive rule.