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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 Education and Cultural Affairs*

**LD 1604**

**An Act To Replace a Statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection**

**Died Between  
Houses**

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

This bill was reported by the committee pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 51, section 2 and then referred back to the committee for processing in the normal course. As required by the resolve, the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission submitted to the committee their study and recommendations regarding the replacement of statues provided by the State to the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol. The bill reflects the recommendations of the study.

The bill provides that the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission are responsible for the placement and replacement of statues representing Maine in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol. A statue must meet all applicable federal requirements; replacement of a statue must be funded from private sources; and a replaced statue must be returned to Maine, where it must be displayed in public view. The bill requires a statue placed in the National Statuary Hall Collection to represent Maine as demonstrated by the results of a survey of public opinion. This bill also directs the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission to replace the statue of Hannibal Hamlin currently in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Margaret Chase Smith by March 15, 2020.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-413)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment replaces the bill. The amendment creates the Commission on Statuary in National Statuary Hall to replace the statue of Hannibal Hamlin in National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol with a statue of Margaret Chase Smith by March 15, 2020 and to return the statue of Hannibal Hamlin to the Maine State House. The commission has nine members, including the directors of the Maine Arts Commission and the Maine State Museum and seven members of the public. The commission must regularly consult with the Maine Arts Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission and must fund the statue replacement project with available funds. Final authorization to place the statue of Hannibal Hamlin within the Maine State House or on the grounds of the Maine State House must be made by the Legislative Council. The commission must submit two progress reports and a final report of its work to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and the Legislative Council. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1625**

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans by Requiring the University of Maine System To Provide Supportive Services to Student-veterans**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	

This bill was reported by the joint standing committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs, pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 48 and then referred to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee for processing in the normal course.