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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 Second 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.

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 127th 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 State and Local Government

requirement that the Governor keep the Governor's office at the State House. It also removes the section that increases the salaries of members of the Senate and House of Representatives by 25% if the number of members of the Senate is reduced to 25 or fewer and the number of members of the House of Representatives is reduced to 100 or fewer. It retains the section that increases the Governor's salary from \$70,000 per year to \$150,000 per year beginning January 2019.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1680 **RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS IN THE LEGISLATURE** **ONTP**

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 100 members and the size of the Senate from no more than 35 members and no fewer than 31 members to 25 members, beginning with the Legislature elected in 2018.

LD 1681 **An Act To Clarify the Appointment Process** **Died Between Houses**

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

This bill clarifies the appointment process in those instances when an individual or entity is required by statute to provide the Governor names of candidates for appointment, but the number of candidates is not specified. The bill requires that a list of at least three qualified candidates be provided to the Governor.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-474)

This amendment is a minority report of the committee. It changes the number of qualified candidates for appointment that must be provided to the Governor from three to one or more.

This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-475)

This amendment is a minority report of the committee. It changes the number of qualified candidates for appointment that must be provided to the Governor from three to two or more.

This amendment was not adopted.