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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 1677 Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System To Identify Retirees Whose Retirement Benefit Calculations Were Adversely Affected by Certain Pay Freezes and To Calculate Costs Associated with Authorizing Those Retirees To Include Such Lost Wages in Retirement Benefit Calculations

RESOLVE 78

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETT R WHITTEMORE R	OTP-AM	H-632

This resolve directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to work together to identify retirees who retired prior to July 1, 2015 and whose retirement benefit calculations were adversely affected by merit pay freezes and longevity pay freezes in effect in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, and to calculate the projected costs associated with authorizing members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who retired prior to July 1, 2015 to include in their retirement benefit calculations wages lost due to merit pay freezes and longevity pay freezes in effect in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs is authorized to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to authorize members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who retired prior to July 1, 2015 to include in their retirement benefit calculations wages lost due to merit pay freezes and longevity pay freezes in effect in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-632)

This amendment changes the report date in the resolve from November 2, 2016 to January 12, 2017 and clarifies the committee to which the report must be made.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 78 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to work together to identify retirees who retired prior to July 1, 2015 and whose retirement benefit calculations were adversely affected by merit pay freezes and longevity pay freezes in effect in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, and to calculate the projected costs associated with authorizing members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who retired prior to July 1, 2015 to include in their retirement benefit calculations wages lost due to merit pay freezes and longevity pay freezes in effect in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters is authorized to report out a bill in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to authorize members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who retired prior to July 1, 2015 to include in their retirement benefit calculations wages lost due to merit pay freezes and longevity pay freezes in effect in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13.

LD 1694 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities

PUBLIC 478

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R PARRY W	OTP-AM	S-534

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails,

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

matching an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-534)

This amendment provides for a transfer to the Secretary of State if the number or length of the referendum questions to be submitted to the voters at the general election in November 2016 requires the Secretary of State to produce and distribute more than one ballot to accommodate those questions.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 478 provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, to be used for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, matching an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds. It also provides for a transfer to the Secretary of State if the number or length of the referendum questions to be submitted to the voters at the general election in November 2016 requires the Secretary of State to produce and distribute more than one ballot to accommodate those questions.

The bond issue is subject to voter approval at a statewide election to be held in November, 2016.

**LD 1702 An Act To Fund Agreements with Bargaining Units for Certain
 Executive Branch Employees**

**PUBLIC 512
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

CUSHING A

This bill was not referred to a committee.

This bill extends the date by which a collective bargaining agreement for certain executive branch employees must be ratified in order to require the adjustment of the salary schedules to accommodate and fund the terms of the agreement.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 512 bill extends the date by which a collective bargaining agreement for certain executive branch employees must be ratified in order to require the adjustment of the salary schedules to accommodate and fund the terms of the agreement.

Public Law 2015, chapter 512 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 3, 2016.