

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

August 2017

**STAFF:**

LUCIA NIXON, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS  
13 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333  
(207) 287-1670  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/opla/>

**MEMBERS:**

SEN. PAUL T. DAVIS, SR., CHAIR  
SEN. LISA KEIM  
SEN. SUSAN A. DESCHAMBAULT

REP. ROLAND DANNY MARTIN, CHAIR  
REP. MARK E. BRYANT  
REP. PINNY BEEBE-CENTER  
REP. GEORGE W. HOGAN  
REP. JOHN E. MADIGAN, JR.  
REP. JOHN ALDEN SPEAR  
REP. RICHARD A. PICKETT  
REP. MATTHEW A. HARRINGTON  
REP. LESTER S. ORDWAY  
REP. CHAD WAYNE GRIGNON

# STATE OF MAINE

128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



## 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 128<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 FINAL 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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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*

**LD 71**      **Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Request That the United States Secretary of Transportation Place Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILLINGHAM K BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Secretary of State to request that the United States Secretary of Transportation place Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time zone. This resolve is subject to approval by the voters at referendum.

**LD 93**      **An Act To Reduce Fuel Costs to State and Local Government**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D COOPER J	ONTP	

This bill amends the law regarding state government purchases of cars and light duty trucks with respect to fuel efficiency requirements. The bill removes the current exception from the fuel efficiency requirement for vehicles purchased for law enforcement and other special use purposes. The bill also establishes fuel efficiency requirements, at the same level as the state requirements, for county and municipal government purchases of cars and light duty trucks.

**LD 105**      **An Act To Create a Centralized Authority To Combat Opiate Addiction in Maine**      **CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill establishes an office within the Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate efforts in the State to combat addiction to opiates.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 150**      **An Act Regarding the Funding of Volunteer Fire Departments**      **PUBLIC 33**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT T MAKER J	OTP-AM	H-46

This bill repeals statutory language that authorizes a municipality to make appropriations to an incorporated volunteer fire department without itemizing the purposes for which the appropriation will be spent when the amount appropriated is \$1,000 or less.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-46)**

This amendment clarifies that municipal appropriations, in any amount, to volunteer fire departments must be