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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST 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 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs***

This amendment strikes the emergency preamble and emergency clause and provides funding in fiscal year 2017-18 instead of fiscal year 2016-17.

**LD 99**      **An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Detectives in the Office of Investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles**      **Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C MIRAMANT D	OTP-AM ONTP	H-249

This bill allows detectives in the office of investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. Under that plan, a person may retire at 55 years of age with 10 years of creditable service, or may retire before 55 years of age with 25 years of creditable service and at a reduced benefit.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-249)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that a motor vehicle detective in the employment of the office of investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles on July 1, 2018, must make the election to participate in the 1998 Special Plan no later than December 1, 2018. The amendment also makes technical changes and corrects cross-references in the current retirement provisions applicable to detectives in the employment of the office of investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

**LD 100**      **An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Detectives in the Office of the Attorney General**      **Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-174

This bill allows detectives in the Office of the Attorney General to elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. Under that plan, a person may retire at 55 years of age with 10 years of creditable service, or may retire before 55 years of age with 25 years of creditable service and at a reduced benefit.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-174)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment clarifies that a detective in the employment of the Office of the Attorney General on July 1, 2018, must make the election to participate in the 1998 Special Plan no later than December 1, 2018. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

**LD 139**      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine's Community Colleges**      **CARRIED OVER**

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