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128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology**

1. The generation of electricity from renewable sources into the microgrid;
2. Methods for adding capacity for storage and managing or enabling a utility to manage the charging of the microgrid and the use of the stored power;
3. An appropriate rate for power generation and stored power usage;
4. A credit applicable toward municipal electricity utilization or assignable to organizations or households according to municipal public service decisions; and
5. Contracts with utilities to receive compensation for scheduling or shedding of electrical load in order to lower peak demand and consequently ratepayer prices.

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

**LD 258      An Act To Amend the Charter of the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District      P & S 4**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KUMIEGA W LANGLEY B	OTP-AM	H-15

This bill increases from three to five the number of trustees of the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-15)**

This amendment requires the board of selectmen for the Town of Southwest Harbor to stagger the terms of the two new appointed trustees to the board of trustees for the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District. It requires one trustee to serve for a term of one year and one trustee to serve for a term of two years.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 4 increases from three to five the number of trustees of the Southwest Harbor Water and Sewer District and requires the board of selectmen for the Town of Southwest Harbor to stagger the terms of the two new appointed trustees by having one trustees serve for a term of one year and one trustee to serve for a term of two years.

**LD 259      An Act To Limit Rates Charged by Competitive Electricity Providers      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HIGGINS N LIBBY N	ONTP	

This bill prohibits a competitive electricity provider from charging a residential consumer a rate for generation service that is higher than the rate charged for standard-offer service.