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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 128th 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 128th 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

LD 299 **An Act To Increase Voter Knowledge of Bond Issues**

PUBLIC 45

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SUTTON P KATZ R	OTP-AM	H-27

Current law provides that the statement of the Treasurer of State setting forth the total amount of bonds of the State outstanding and unpaid, the total amount of bonds of the State authorized and unissued and the total amount of bonds of the State contemplated to be issued if the enactment submitted to the electors is ratified be printed on the ballot containing the proposed bond issue or printed as a separate document and posted outside the guardrail enclosure at each voting place. This bill amends that law to require that that information be printed on the ballot and printed as a separate document and posted outside the guardrail enclosure at each voting place.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires that each voting booth in a polling place include a copy of the Treasurer of State's statement of bond debt when there is a bond issue on a statewide ballot.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 45 requires that each voting booth in a polling place include a copy of the Treasurer of State's statement of bond debt when there is a bond issue on a statewide ballot.

LD 300 **An Act To Preserve Funding for the Maine Clean Election Act by Removing Gubernatorial Candidates from Eligibility**

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SUTTON P BRAKEY E	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill eliminates Maine Clean Election Act funding for gubernatorial candidates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)

This amendment, the minority report, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 304 **An Act To Authorize Auxiliary Liquor Licenses at Disc Golf Courses**

**PUBLIC 17
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G WOOD S	OTP-AM	S-10

This bill authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue auxiliary licenses for additional premises located at disc golf courses.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)

This amendment makes a disc golf course eligible for the same liquor licenses as a golf course. The amendment