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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 State and Local Government***

This bill prohibits any application form for employment for any position in State Government from including questions about an applicant's criminal history.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-242)**

The amendment replaces the bill. Like the bill, the amendment prohibits the State from including questions about criminal history on its employment application forms. The amendment provides an exception to that prohibition when, due to the nature and requirements of the position, a person who has a criminal history record may be disqualified from eligibility, such as for a law enforcement officer, corrections officer, child protective and adult protective services caseworker or child development services worker. The amendment applies to state employment positions in the legislative, executive or judicial branches of State Government and positions with quasi-independent state entities or public instrumentalities of the State; it does not apply to positions in school administrative units, municipalities, counties or other political subdivisions of the State. This amendment also provides funding to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for computer modifications made necessary by the amendment.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

**LD 303      An Act To Change the Name of Captain Ambrose Bear Stream      INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M SHERMAN R		

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill requires the Aroostook County Commissioners to rename Captain Ambrose Bear Stream in and near the Town of Houlton in Aroostook County to B Stream. The bill also requires the county commissioners to notify the appropriate authorities and agencies of the name change. It requires the Department of Transportation to change any existing road signs designating Captain Ambrose Bear Stream to refer to B Stream. The bill also requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules to change the name of Captain Ambrose Bear Stream to B Stream, and it changes the name where it appears in statute.

**LD 328      An Act To Encourage Regional Planning and Reorganization      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRANT G BELLOWS S	OTP-AM	H-150

The bill provides \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$0 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services to encourage regional planning and reorganization for towns and municipalities to decrease the duplication of services.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-150)**

The bill provides \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$0 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services. This amendment instead provides \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services and shifts responsibility for the administration of the fund from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to