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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.

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PART N eliminates the requirement that the Maine Community College System make contributions toward payment of the unfunded liability and administrative costs to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for retirees who elected to participate in a defined contribution plan and repeals the obligation of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to develop long-term strategies to create funding methods for future salary increases resulting from the Maine Community College System collective bargaining process. This Part also authorizes the transfer of \$13,990,596 to the General Fund that would otherwise lapse to the Salary Plan program.

PART O establishes a reserve fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the operation of the Maine Military Authority and transfers \$7,000,000 to that fund from the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART P establishes the Opioid Health Home Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and provides funding for the program.

Public Law 2017, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 15, 2017.

LD 316 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Railways CARRIED OVER

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for the enhancement of existing railway service and for the expansion of railway service.

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

**LD 317 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, CARRIED OVER
Bridges and Multimodal Facilities**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D KUMIEGA W		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to improve highways, bridges and multimodal facilities in the State.

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

**LD 318 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Economic CARRIED OVER
Development with High-Resolution Geospatial Data**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T BLACK R		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,000,000, will be used to provide partnership funds and matching grants for geospatial data acquisition to communities that are creating or improving digital parcel maps to accurately identify existing boundaries and land use, identify potential community development areas and protect

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environmental resources.

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

LD 319 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DESCHAMBAULT S FECTEAU R		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to fund a grant program to invest in projects along the State's rivers that contribute to economic, environmental and community development and revitalization, promote economic activity, protect the environment and enhance quality of life for Maine people.

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

LD 345 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,100,000, will be used to replace existing infrastructure systems of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation that carry the emergency alert system.

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

LD 376 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a New Engineering Design and Education Center at the University of Maine CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND B KORNFIELD T		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$80,000,000, will be used for the construction of an engineering design and education center at the University of Maine in Orono.

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

LD 382 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R GROHMAN M	ONTP	

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the issuance of bonds: