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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs*

This bill prohibits funds distributed to candidates from the Maine Clean Election Fund from being used for post-election parties.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-20)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that a Maine Clean Election Act candidate may use personal funds for a post-election party in accordance with rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 31 clarifies that a Maine Clean Election Act candidate may use personal funds for a post-election party in accordance with rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

**LD 413**

**An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions**

**Accepted Report A (ONTP)**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>          | <u>Committee Report</u>  | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CHENETTE J<br>DILLINGHAM K | ONTP<br>OTP-AM<br>OTP-AM |                           |

Current law prohibits the Governor, members of the Legislature, constitutional officers and the staff or agents of the Governor, members of the Legislature and constitutional officers from soliciting or accepting contributions from a lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer while the Legislature is convened in session. This bill extends application of that prohibition year-round, regardless of whether the Legislature is in session.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-78)**

This amendment replaces the bill and is a minority report of the committee. Like the bill, the amendment prohibits a member of the Legislature, the Governor or any constitutional officer from soliciting or accepting a contribution from a lobbyist or an employer. The amendment provides that candidates for the Legislature or Governor are also subject to this year-round contribution prohibition. The amendment also provides that party committees may solicit or accept contributions when the Legislature is not in session as long as a member of the Legislature, the Governor or a constitutional officer is not the treasurer, an officer or primary decision maker or fund-raiser for the party committee.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-77)**

This amendment replaces the bill and is a minority report of the committee. Like the bill, the amendment prohibits a member of the Legislature, the Governor or any constitutional officer from soliciting or accepting a contribution from a lobbyist, a lobbyist associate or an employer. The amendment provides that candidates for the Legislature or Governor are also subject to this year-round contribution prohibition. The amendment clarifies that with regard to a political action committee, party committee or ballot question committee, the prohibition applies to contributions solicited, accepted or given only when the Legislature is in session.

**LD 415**

**An Act To Modify the Amount of Product Samples of Malt Liquor, Wine or Spirits That May Be Provided to Retail Licensees**

**PUBLIC 35**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>    | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| MASON G<br>LUCHINI L | OTP                     |                           |