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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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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

- 2. Establishes in the Maine Energy Office a position of deputy commissioner, to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate; and
- 3. Specifies that an amount equal to \$300,000 from the Efficiency Maine Trust must be transferred annually to the Maine Energy Office.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-768)

This amendment does the following:

- 1. Specifies that the Commissioner of the Maine Energy Office instead of the Director of the Governor's Energy Office serves on the Efficiency Maine Trust Board;
- 2. Specifies that the deputy commissioner serves at the pleasure of the commissioner and not of the Governor as in the bill;
- 3. Removes the \$300,000 annual funding for the Maine Energy Office from the Efficiency Maine Trust, but includes from current law that the office may receive funds from the Efficiency Maine Trust for office activities that reasonably relate to programs or activities of the Efficiency Maine Trust;
- 4. Removes unnecessary language regarding energy infrastructure corridors;
- 5. Adds an appropriations and allocations section; and
- 6. Adds an effective date of January 1, 2019.

LD 423 An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALLEY R MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-17 H-19 BERRY S

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and then carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table. The bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill provides one-time funding to extend for two years a program that provides mobile wireless hot spot devices to libraries in Washington County.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-17)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" (H-19)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause and provides the funding in fiscal year 2017-18.