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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

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

**PUBLIC 313**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRANT G BELLOWS S	OTP-AM	H-150 S-344 HAMPER J

This bill was reported out of committee in First Regular Session and then carried over to the Second Regular Session on the Special Appropriations Table.

The bill provides funding of \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-2018 and \$0 in fiscal year 2018-2019 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)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides funding of \$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. The amendment shifts responsibility for the administration of the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Department of Economic and Community Development. The amendment also adds "capital grants" as a third type of grant available from the fund; current law provides for "planning grants" and "cooperative services" grants.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-344)**

This amendment strikes the appropriations and allocations section from the committee amendment.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 313 shifts responsibility for the administration of the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Department of Economic and Community Development. This law also adds "capital grants" as a third type of grant available from the fund, in addition to the "planning grants" and "cooperative services" grants available in existing law.

**LD 473 An Act To Quantitatively Evaluate State Contracts**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

The bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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This bill proposes to create a process to quantitatively evaluate competitive bids for state contracts in terms of the total economic value to the State. The process established by this bill would apply to state service contracts expected to exceed \$100,000 in total value and would include scoring criteria that evaluate the economic impact of the proposer's bid on the state economy and state revenues. In evaluating economic impact, the process would use economic multipliers to measure the impact of the use of raw materials from in-state sources, the employment of state residents and the use of in-state vendors, consultants and subcontractors. The process established by the bill would be consistent with the terms of Executive Order 2012-004, An Order Directing Certain Evaluation Criteria in Competitive Bidding.

**LD 780 An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Cary Plantation**

**PUBLIC 403**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHERMAN R	OTP-AM ONTP	H-592

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

The bill provides for the deorganization of Cary Plantation in Aroostook County, subject to approval at local referendum.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-592)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment shifts the dates in the bill forward by one year, from 2018 to 2019.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 403 provides for the deorganization of Cary Plantation in Aroostook County, subject to approval at local referendum. If the legal voters of Cary Plantation approve the referendum, deorganization takes effect July 1, 2019.

**LD 823 An Act To Promote Transparency with Respect to Surveillance Technology**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELLOWS S MOONEN M	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

The bill requires a state entity to hold a public hearing and obtain legislative approval prior to engaging in certain activities relating to the acquisition and use of surveillance technology.

**LD 890 An Act To Include a Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in the House of Representatives**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M STEWART H	ONTP	