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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

LD 585

An Act To Allow Cash Qualifying Contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D SHEATS B	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill amends the definition of "qualifying contribution" under the Maine Clean Election Act to include \$5 cash contributions in addition to those made by check or money order or via the Internet. Current law defines a qualifying contribution as a contribution in the amount of \$5 or more. This bill limits the contribution to \$5. The bill also provides a process to ensure that qualifying contributions made in cash are valid contributions. A contributor must attest, using a form designed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, that a qualifying contribution was made using the contributor's personal funds and the contributor received nothing in return for the contribution. Finally, the bill provides that a candidate may submit a check to the Maine Clean Election Fund equal to the amount of qualifying contributions made in cash along with the receipt and acknowledgment forms required to be submitted to be certified as a participating candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-140)

This amendment, the minority report; establishes an alternative method for collecting and submitting qualifying cash contributions collected by a participating candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act. The bill provides that a cash qualifying contribution is valid if the contributor signed a receipt and acknowledgment form. The amendment instead allows for qualifying contributions to be submitted in the manner prescribed in current law, which requires use of a money order, and adds that a cashier's check may also be used. Under the alternative method, the contributor signs a form, separate from the receipt and acknowledgment form required under current law. The amendment provides that the cash contributions may not be deposited into the candidate's campaign account.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 657

An Act To Reduce the In-stock Spirits Requirements for Liquor Agents in Towns with Certain Populations

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHITTEMORE R LAWRENCE M	ONTP	

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

This bill proposes to amend the provisions in law requiring a certain amount of in-stock spirits for agency liquor stores by allowing agency liquor stores in smaller municipalities or municipalities with seasonal populations to carry less in-stock spirits than currently required.