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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.

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

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

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BELLOWS S		
MOONEN M		

This 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.

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

LD 830   **An Act To Authorize Portions of the City of Caribou to Secede and Form the Town of Lyndon**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill authorizes the incorporation of certain portions of the City of Caribou into the Town of Lyndon if the legal residents of those parts approve, by referendum, separation from the City of Caribou and incorporation as a separate town. The bill clarifies the binding arbitration process and specifies the liability and rights of the City of Caribou and the Town of Lyndon. The meets and bounds describing the proposed Town of Lyndon have not been verified by a licensed professional land surveyor.

LD 849   **An Act To Require the State To Maintain an Interest-bearing Account of Privately Donated Funds for Saxl Park in the City of Bangor**   **P & S 8**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
FREY A	OTP-AM	H-178

This bill allows the State to deposit privately donated funds received for the purpose of upkeep of property managed by the State into an interest-bearing account. The bill requires that any interest earned on the donated funds be also used for the upkeep of the property.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-178)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the State to deposit into an interest-bearing account privately donated funds received by the State to expend on behalf of the Saxl Park Advisory Committee for the purpose of maintaining, operating and improving Saxl Park in the City of Bangor. The requirement applies to the unexpended balance of funds previously received by the State for this purpose and requires interest earned to be used for the same purpose. The amendment repeals Resolve 2007, chapter 201, section 10, subsection 2, which pertains to private donations to benefit Saxl Park.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 8 requires the State to deposit into an interest-bearing account privately donated funds received by the State to expend on behalf of the Saxl Park Advisory Committee for the purpose of maintaining, operating and improving Saxl Park in the City of Bangor. The requirement applies to the unexpended balance of funds previously received by the State for this purpose and requires interest earned to be used for the