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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.

LD 825 An Act To Ensure Direct Dialing of 911 from Multiline Telephone Systems

PUBLIC 48

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODSOME D BERRY S	OTP	

This bill requires that any public or private entity that installs or operates a multiline telephone system ensures that the system is connected to the public switched telephone network in such a way that an individual dialing 911 is connected to the public safety answering point without requiring the individual to first dial any other number or set of numbers.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 48 requires that any public or private entity that installs or operates a multiline telephone system ensures that the system is connected to the public switched telephone network in such a way that an individual dialing 911 is connected to the public safety answering point without requiring the individual to first dial any other number or set of numbers.

LD 1061 An Act To Increase Investment and Regulatory Stability in the Electric Industry

PUBLIC 134

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE J SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	H-173

This bill does the following.

1. It specifies that the Public Utilities Commission can direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into long-term contracts for the regional procurement of transmission infrastructure, capacity resources, energy or renewable energy credits;
2. It requires the commission to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters on the procurement of capacity resources, energy and renewable energy credits from the previous 12-months and if and how that procurement was consistent with the State’s goals for greenhouse gas reduction. The report must also include:
 - A. The number of requests for proposals;
 - B. The number of executed term sheets or contracts resulting from the requests for proposals;
 - C. The number of megawatts produced through contracts; and
 - D. A plan for the succeeding 12 months pertaining to the procurement of capacity resources, energy and renewable energy credits, which include dates for requests for proposals, types of resources and the anticipated date of executions of contracts;
3. It adds a rulemaking section to the Maine Wind Energy Act and requires those rules to be major substantive;
4. It adds a rulemaking section to the chapter of law that deals with the expedited permitting of grid-scale wind energy development as it relates to the determination of effect on scenic character and related existing uses and