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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety***

This bill requires the State Police to process a forensic examination kit within 180 days of receipt of a kit that has been used to obtain forensic evidence from an alleged victim of sexual assault or within 180 days of receipt of consent to analysis of that kit by the alleged victim of the sexual assault, whichever occurs later. The bill requires the State Police to conduct annual audits of forensic examination kits and to report to the general public and to the Legislature by July 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, regarding the status of analyses of forensic examination kits in the possession of the State Police.

**LD 861      An Act To Provide Wage Parity for Certain State Law Enforcement Personnel      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C MAKER J		

This bill provides for a 15% upward adjustment of salary schedules in fiscal year 2017-18 for certain law enforcement positions in the Department of Corrections; the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; Baxter State Park Authority; the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Military Authority; the Office of the Attorney General; and the Office of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The bill requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2018-19, revenue from a sales tax imposed on the retail sale of recreational marijuana is to be used to offset the cost of the salary increase for Adult Probation Officer and Juvenile Community Corrections Officer positions in the Department of Corrections.

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

**LD 888      An Act To Strengthen Protections against Civil Asset Forfeiture      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY E	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires that for property to be forfeited under the criminal forfeiture laws the owner of the property be convicted of a crime in which the property was involved, and it prohibits a law enforcement agency or other entity from circumventing the law by an agreement to transfer or refer the property seized to a federal agency. This bill also requires that the records of forfeited property be posted by the Department of Public Safety on a publicly accessible website.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-53)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section to provide funding to the Department of Public Safety to create and maintain an online system containing records of forfeited property.

This amendment was not adopted.