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128th Legislature First Regular Session



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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
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation 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 WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled 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
PUBLIC XXX
RESOLVE XXX
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature 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 State and Local Government

Under the Act, a public agency may apply to the Governor or the Governor's designee for a waiver of the requirement if the executive head of the public agency finds that the application of the requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest, that the necessary manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality or that inclusion of manufactured goods made in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25%. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services is directed to develop rules regarding the Act, including rules to guide the waiver process and the process for public review and comment regarding requests for a waiver.

The bill requires that if the Department of Administrative and Financial Services has reason to believe that any person, business or other entity has intentionally made fraudulent representations about the domestic content of a manufactured good or has intentionally violated any provision of the Act, the department must, after a hearing, debar that person, business or other entity from contracts or subcontracts with the State for two years.

The bill provides that the provisions of this legislation must be applied in a manner consistent with the State's obligations under any applicable international agreements pertaining to government procurement.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-143)

This amendment is the minority report. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 899

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Salaries of the Governor, Legislators and Executive and Legislative Staff

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CUSHING A HARVELL L	ONTP	

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Salaries of the Governor, Legislators and Executive and Legislative Staff. The commission is charged with studying the salaries of the Governor, Legislators and executive and legislative staff members and making recommendations for any necessary changes. The commission is required to submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature by December 6, 2017.

LD 914 An Act To Establish Indigenous People's Day

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
HAMANN S	ONTP	
	OTP-AM	

This bill establishes the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day and changes references in the Maine Revised Statutes to the federally named Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day for use in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes a reference to Indigenous People's Day in the bill so that it is not listed as a national holiday but is still not considered a business day.