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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

This bill provides that if a person is paid to circulate a petition for a direct initiative or a people's veto referendum and solicit signatures, that person must be paid at least \$25 per signature.

LD 906 An Act Regarding the Collection of Signatures for a Direct Initiative

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J KATZ R	ONTP	

This bill requires a person circulating a petition for a direct initiative of legislation to give a voter that voter's own printed paper copy of the full text of the direct initiative and the fiscal impact statement and provide the voter the opportunity to read the full text of the direct initiative prior to that voter signing the petition. Current law also requires a person circulating a petition for a direct initiative of legislation to provide the voter the opportunity to read the proposed direct initiative summary and fiscal impact statement.

LD 937 An Act To Require the Fiscal Impact of a Direct Initiative of Legislation To Be Included on the Ballot

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K	ONTP	

This bill provides that a ballot for a statewide vote on a direct initiative must include the fiscal impact estimate prepared by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review for that direct initiative.

LD 948 Resolve, To Direct the Adjutant General To Procure Medals for Maine National Guard Members Mobilized for the 1958-1961 Berlin Crisis

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAILEY D CUSHING A	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Adjutant General to procure an adequate number of National Emergency Service Medals for Maine National Guard members' service during the 1958-1961 Berlin crisis and award the medals in a ceremony to former members entitled to the medal and, if a former member entitled to receive the medal is deceased, award a medal to that member posthumously and present the medal to the next of kin or another family member. The medals, while authorized in 1962, were never awarded.

LD 950 Resolve, To Study Using Blockchain Technology in Conjunction with Paper Ballots in Maine Elections

ONTP

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

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study Using Blockchain Technology in Conjunction with Paper Ballots in Maine Elections.