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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

This emergency bill proposes to adjust certain appropriations and allocations from the General Fund and other funds for the expenditures of State Government related to position changes and to change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

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

LD 925 An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing CARRIED OVER
Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of
State Government

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This emergency bill proposes to make appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, General Fund and other funds and to change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government.

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

LD 929 An Act Regarding the State Retirement System Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-277

This bill amends the definition of "earnable compensation" for the purposes of the state retirement system. The bill provides that if, during any year, an employee receives retrospective payment for compensation earned in a prior year or years, the portion of the employee's compensation that is retrospective payment for compensation earned in a prior year or years must be deducted from earnable compensation for the year in which it is paid and must be added to earnable compensation for the prior year or years in which that compensation was earned.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-277)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 953 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the CARRIED OVER
Biomass Industry

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide support for the biomass industry in this State through the establishment of a revolving loan fund for capital investment in biomass generators or similar facilities.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

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

LD 955 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the CARRIED OVER
Municipal Investment Trust Fund

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DESCHAMBAULT S SPEAR J		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,000,000, will be used to provide funds to recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure.

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

LD 964 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal CARRIED OVER
Culverts at Stream Crossings

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to enhance and restore rivers, streams and fish and wildlife habitats and to allow communities to better prepare for extreme storms and floods.

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

LD 981 An Act Regarding State Investments and the Dakota Access Pipeline Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN B SYLVESTER M	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits the Treasurer of State from depositing funds in any bank that is providing funds, extending credit or otherwise engaged in financing the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline. This bill also prohibits the Treasurer of State from investing in the securities of a corporation or company or other entity that is providing funds, extending credit or otherwise engaged in financing the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline. This bill requires the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to divest its holdings in any corporation or company that is constructing or funding construction of the so-called Dakota Access pipeline. The bill requires divestment to be completed by January 1, 2019.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-68)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.