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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 State and Local Government

bid service contracts expected to exceed \$100,000 in total value and competitively bid printing service contracts expected to exceed \$5,000 in total value. The amendment also provides funding to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for costs associated with the amendment.

This amendment was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-291)

This amendment adds a third way a business can qualify to be an in-state contractor for purposes of the Maine Buy America and Build Maine Act by including a business in which at least 60% of the employees are Maine residents.

House Amendment "A" (H-545)

This amendment includes cement used in the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, improvement or maintenance of a public building or public work as a good that must be manufactured in the United States.

LD 972

An Act To Modify the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

Sponsor(s)

HAWKE S
DOW D

Committee Report

ONTP
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

This bill changes the Lincoln County budget procedures in the following ways.

1. Current law requires an interim county budget before a final county budget is approved to be no more than 80% of the amount of the preceding county budget. This bill raises the level of the interim county budget to no more than the full amount of the preceding county budget.
2. Current law requires the Lincoln County Budget Advisory Committee to be comprised of three municipal officers per county commissioner district elected by their respective district caucuses and serving staggered three-year terms. This bill requires that each municipality has the option to have one municipal officer from that municipality selected by the municipality's governing body to serve on the committee for a one-year term.
3. Current law requires the committee to submit budget recommendations to the Lincoln County commissioners, who have the final say on the county budget. This bill gives the committee the authority to submit a budget to the commissioners, who need a unanimous vote to make any changes, and the power to veto any change to the budget by the commissioners by a 2/3 vote of the committee members present.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-78)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It provides for three-year terms of the advisory committee voting members, instead of one-year terms as proposed in the bill.
2. It makes the legislative member a nonvoting member, except in the case of a tie vote.
3. It requires a 2/3 vote of the advisory committee membership, rather than 2/3 of members present, to reject a change to the budget made by the county commissioners.

This amendment was not adopted.