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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND  
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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 State and Local Government**

**LD 973**

**An Act To Allow the Waldo County Budget Committee To Appoint Replacement Members**

**PUBLIC 78  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILLWAY J THIBODEAU M	OTP	

This bill amends the Waldo County Budget Committee membership provisions by providing that when a vacancy on the committee occurs and the municipality of the vacating member declines to send a replacement, the budget committee may solicit another municipality in the district that does not have a member currently sitting on the committee to fill the vacancy.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 78 amends the Waldo County Budget Committee membership provisions by providing that when a vacancy on the committee occurs and the municipality of the vacating member declines to send a replacement, the budget committee may solicit another municipality in the district that does not have a member currently sitting on the committee to fill the vacancy.

Public Law 2017, chapter 78 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 21, 2017.

**LD 992**

**An Act To Authorize Moving the Town Line between Baileyville and Baring Plantation**

**P & S 6**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAKER J TUELL W	OTP-AM	S-26

This bill relocates all portions of Park Road and the Baileyville Commercial Park currently in Baring Plantation into the Town of Baileyville.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-26)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 6 relocates all portions of Park Road and the Baileyville Commercial Park currently in Baring Plantation into the Town of Baileyville.

**LD 1007**

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Lengths of Terms and Decrease the Number of Terms of Members of the Legislature**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON D VOLK A	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to increase the length of the terms of State Senators from two years to four years beginning in 2020 and members of the House of Representatives from two years to four years beginning in 2022 and to limit the number of consecutive terms members of the State Senate and the