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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

12. Prohibiting candidates and others from signing the name of a contributor on a receipt and acknowledgment form submitted to the commission, except when a contributor's immediate family member, domestic partner or live-in caregiver signs on behalf of the contributor due to a physical impairment or disability.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-367)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes the provisions in the bill that define "caucus political action committee" and the provision that requires each appointed legislative leader of a political party in the House of Representatives and the Senate to designate one caucus political action committee to promote the election of nominees to be the party's appointed leader. The amendment also strikes the provision in the bill that directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to submit an annual statistical report of campaign finance activity.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-368)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee. The amendment adds a provision to the bill that provides that, for the purposes of a recount, donations made to candidates who are not enrolled in a political party are not subject to contribution limits.

LD 1125 An Act To Establish a Recall Procedure for Elected Officials ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J	ONTP	

This bill establishes a recall procedure for federal, state and local elected officials and specifies grounds for such a recall.

LD 1174 An Act To Clarify the Use of Public Money for Bulk Mailing in the Election Process Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING A GUERIN S	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill requires a treasurer or deputy treasurer of a Maine Clean Election Act candidate, or a political action committee engaging in bulk mailing in connection to the campaign of a participating or certified candidate, to document all bulk mail by submitting a copy of United States Postal Service form 3602 for standard mail and form 3600 for first-class mail to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-214)

Like the bill, this amendment, which is the majority report, requires reporting of expenditures used for bulk mail. Unlike the bill, which only applied to campaigns with a candidate certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate, this amendment requires documentation of the use of bulk mail by all candidates and political action committees to be included in campaign finance reports.