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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

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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 Taxation*

**LD 1247**     **An Act To Repeal the Income Tax on Pick-up Contributions Paid to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and To Clarify the Taxation of Pick-up Contributions Distributed in the Form of a Rollover**     **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT M	OTP-AM	H-194

This bill, which is submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, repeals the individual income tax addition modification for state contributions to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System on behalf of the taxpayer and allows the subtraction modification for pick-up contributions distributed to the taxpayer in the form of a rollover to be subtracted from taxable income within a three-year period beginning with the year of the rollover. The changes apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-194)**

This amendment provides that the changes proposed in the bill apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 rather than on or after January 1, 2017.

**LD 1265**     **An Act To Allow the Creation of a Local Option Sales Tax by Referendum**     **ONTP**

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

This bill allows a municipality to impose a local option sales tax of up to 1% by local referendum. The sales tax may be seasonal. The local sales tax applies to the state sales tax base except that certain items, such as motor vehicles and major household appliances are excluded.

See also LDs 741, 915, 1230 and 1522.

**LD 1270**     **An Act To Allow Municipalities To Include Itemized Fees on Property Tax Bills**     **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOONEN M	ONTP	

This bill allows a municipality that issues a property tax bill to a taxpayer to include in the tax bill other fees or assessments owed by the taxpayer to the municipality if the other fees and assessments are itemized and distinct from the information on the tax bill that is required by law.

**LD 1276**     **An Act To Change the Exemption Amount under the Estate Tax**     **Died On Adjournment**

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