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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs*

statement listing the top three funders of the entity making the independent expenditure. It also specifies that reports of independent expenditures aggregating in excess of \$250 during any one candidate's election are required to be filed only by party committees, political committees and political action committees.

6. It removes a provision requiring the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters to report out legislation to eliminate corporate tax expenditures totaling \$6,000,000 per biennium.

**LD 1411**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine**      **ONTP**  
**To Limit Petitions for Direct Initiatives That Would Violate the**  
**Constitution of Maine**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow the Governor, Attorney General, Legislature by a 1/3 vote of both Houses or at least 500 electors by petition filed in the office of the Secretary of State to request an opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court on whether a bill, resolve or resolution proposed by electors to the Legislature would, if passed and implemented, violate the Constitution of Maine in any manner, including, but not limited to, the restriction or abridgement of the rights of citizens expressly declared in the Constitution of Maine. The Secretary of State must reject a petition if a majority of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court determines that the bill, resolve or resolution proposed by electors would, if passed and implemented, violate the Constitution of Maine.

**LD 1422**      **An Act To Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates To**      **Accepted Majority**  
**Disclose Their Federal Income Tax Returns**      **(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY S BELLOWS S	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires that, in order for a candidate for President or a candidate for Vice President to appear on a general election ballot, the candidate for President or the candidate for Vice President must disclose the previous five years of that candidate's federal income tax returns, which may be redacted to remove personally identifying information other than the candidate's name. It directs the Secretary of State to post the tax returns on the Secretary of State's website and to include in the secretary's report regarding presidential primaries pursuant to Public Law 2015, chapter 474, section 5 suggested legislation requiring primary candidates to disclose federal income tax returns.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-269)**

This amendment, the minority report, provides that a candidate for President or Vice President must disclose the previous three years of tax returns to appear on the general election ballot; the bill requires tax returns from the previous five years.

This amendment was not adopted.