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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 Energy, Utilities and Technology**

customer's transmission and distribution bill, a customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement after December 31, 2017, and by December 31, 2018, to receive 90% of the net energy of an eligible facility for the customer's transmission and distribution bill and a customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement after December 31, 2018, and by December 31, 2019, to receive 80% of the net energy of an eligible facility for the customer's transmission and distribution bill. It allows the Public Utilities Commission by rule to reduce by up to 10% in any calendar year after December 31, 2019, the percentage of an eligible customer's net energy that applies to that customer's transmission and distribution bill as long as any reduction applies only to customers that apply for a net energy billing arrangement in that calendar year. It specifies that an eligible customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement by December 31, 2017, may continue with the net energy billing arrangement until the end of the calendar year in 2032 and that an eligible customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement after December 31, 2017, may continue with that net energy billing arrangement until the end of the calendar year that is 15 years from the year in which the customer applied for the net energy billing arrangement. It reduces from 200 to 100 the number of eligible customers that may participate in a shared interest in an eligible facility or the number of meters associated with a single shared interest in an eligible facility. It changes the date for a report required to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters by the Public Utilities Commission from January 1, 2021, to January 1, 2019, and it requires that the Public Utilities Commission conclude an adjudicatory proceeding by December 31, 2018. This amendment also removes changes made regarding exit fees.

**LD 1513      An Act To Provide for Affordable Long-term Energy Prices in Maine      ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FREDETTE K        | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill prohibits the Public Utilities Commission from directing an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to enter into a long-term contract for capacity resources or energy or renewable energy credits associated with capacity resources unless the commission determines that the in-state economic benefits substantially outweigh the expected costs of the contract.

**LD 1514      An Act To Provide Maine Landlords Advance Notice of Water Disconnection Postings      Died Between Houses**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>     | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| WADSWORTH N<br>DION M | ONTP<br>OTP-AM          |                           |

This bill requires a water utility to provide a landlord who is billed for water utility service for a rental property written notice at least three days prior to the water utility's posting any disconnection notices at the rental property.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-273)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. It requires that a water utility provide a landlord that is billed for water service provided to a rental property notice of an upcoming posting of a disconnection notice at the rental property before that water utility posts the disconnection notice.

This amendment was not adopted.