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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 State and Local Government

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1604 **Resolve, To Amend Authorization To Sell Certain Property in Augusta** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT M KATZ R		

Resolve 2013, chapter 98 authorized the State to sell property located in Augusta to a nonprofit organization to be used exclusively for transitional housing for veterans. This resolve removes that restriction on the exclusive use of the property.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1608 **An Act To Support Employment Opportunity in Maine** **Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARKER J CARSON B	OTP-AM ONTP	H-461

This bill prohibits the State from seeking to obtain or inquiring about the credit history of a prospective employee or requiring that a prospective employee provide a credit history as a condition of employment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-461)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment provides three exceptions from the provision in the bill that prohibits the State from seeking to obtain or inquire about the credit history of a prospective employee or require that a prospective employee provide a credit history as a condition of employment when: the position involves a fiduciary responsibility to the State, the position is a law enforcement position or the State is otherwise required by federal law to obtain a credit history. The amendment also clarifies the definition of state employment to include employment in the legislative, executive or judicial branch of State Government but not include employment in other governmental or quasi-governmental entities.

LD 1622 **An Act To Allow the Androscoggin County Commissioners To Establish Reasonable Office Hours for County Offices** **PUBLIC 212**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N	OTP	

Current law specifies the office hours of the county offices of Androscoggin County. This bill repeals that provision of law, allowing the county commissioners of Androscoggin County to establish reasonable office hours in the same manner as do all other county commissioners.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 212 allows the county commissioners of Androscoggin County to establish reasonable office hours in the same manner as do all other county commissioners.