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STATE OF MAINE

 $128^{\text{TH}} LEGISLATURE$ FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 OVERcarried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature	p
CON RES XXX	
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CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died	a
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES	
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died	d
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died	d
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment	t
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote	е
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vote	е
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote	е
HELD BY GOVERNOR Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session	n
LEAVE TO WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted	
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died	d
INDEF PP indefinitely postponed; legislation died	d
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died	d
P&S XXX	v
PUBLIC XXX	v
RESOLVE XXX	е
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature failed to override Governor's veto	0
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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

LD 1624 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BREEN C PIERCE T	OTP-AM ONTP OTP-AM	S-300

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require candidates for the political offices of Governor, State Senator and State Representative to be elected by a majority of the votes cast for that office.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-300)

This amendment replaces the resolution and proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to authorize the Legislature, or the electors through the direct initiative process, to enact legislation for the determination of the winners of elections for the offices of State Senator, State Representative and Governor by popular vote.

LD 1625 An Act To Repeal the Ranked-choice Voting Law

Died Between Houses

Final Passage Failed

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MASON G	OTP-AM	
SIROCKI H	OTP-AM	
	OTP-AM	

This bill repeals provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes establishing ranked-choice voting enacted by the voters with Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 3.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-303)

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment does not affect the use of the ranked-choice voting method for the primary nomination elections to the office of the Governor and to the Legislature. The amendment requires the ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that approves the use of the ranked-choice voting method for those offices before that method may be used.

This amendment requires the Secretary of State to adopt routine technical rules for the administration of ranked-choice voting, including the administration of recounts.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "C" (S-304)

This amendment replaces the bill. It amends the laws governing ranked-choice voting to exclude the election of Governor, State Senator and State Representative. The ranked-choice voting method would still be applied to primary nomination elections for these offices. The amendment delays the implementation of ranked-choice voting for applicable offices until elections held after December 1, 2019. The amendment requires the Secretary of State to submit a report on the implementation of ranked-choice voting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over elections matters no later than January 1, 2019.

This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-302)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1627 An Act To Protect the Integrity of Maine Elections by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GERRISH K		

This bill requires that a voter provide proof of identity with photographic identification for the purpose of voting. The bill specifies the types of photographic identification that may be used to verify the identity of a voter. It provides that a person who does not present photographic identification may cast a provisional ballot and establishes the process for provisional voting. Under this process, if the person can verify the person's identity to the warden or an election clerk within three business days of the election by presenting acceptable photographic identification but is known to a municipal clerk, registrar or election official at the voting place may cast a regular ballot upon submission of an affidavit by the municipal clerk, registrar or election official attesting to the person's identity. Finally, the bill requires the Secretary of State to provide, at no fee, nondriver identification cards to eligible persons who do not have another form of acceptable photographic identification to verify identity for the purpose of voting.

LD 1631 An Act To Repeal the Law Permitting Advance Deposit Wagering

Died On Adjournment

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BRAKEY E		
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This bill repeals the laws permitting the practice of advance deposit wagering.

LD 1642 An Act To Clarify Licensing Provisions for the Manufacture and Sale of Liquor

PUBLIC 280 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LUCHINI L	OTP OTP-AM	

This bill clarifies one of the criteria that qualify a person who is licensed to manufacture liquor in the State to also have an establishment licensed for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the licensed premises. The bill requires that the person have a controlling interest in both the manufacturing business and the on-premises establishment, regardless of the business structure of either entity. Under current law, and as applicable to this bill, "person" is defined as an individual, partnership, corporation, firm, association or other legal entity.

The bill also temporarily prohibits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic