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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs***

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$3,150,000, will be used for sustainable agricultural water sources and irrigation system development and for necessary renovations to the State of Maine Building at the Eastern States Exposition.

**LD 1613      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Assist in the Commercialization of Maine Products and Services** **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A MASTRACCIO A	OTP-AM ONTP	S-335

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. Committee amendment "A" (S-335), which increased the amount of the bond, was the majority report of the committee and was subsequently adopted in both houses but with different House and Senate amendments. It was then carried over as unfinished business in the House from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. It was recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in the Second Regular Session. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to further accelerate growth and capital investment in businesses in the State by leveraging private investment for the purpose of generating new revenue and providing new jobs.

**LD 1614      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Maine Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Loan Program** **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A FECTEAU R		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the Second Regular Session by joint order H.P. 1138. This bill was again carried over, still in committee, from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used by the Maine Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Loan Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to provide loans in amounts up to \$7,500 per year for a maximum of five years to selected students in this State pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in the fields of science, computer science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

**LD 1649      An Act To Provide Funding for Geographic Information System Services** **PUBLIC 315 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER J	OTP	

This bill provides funding to agencies to pay for services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Geographic Information Systems and Maine Library of Geographic Information.

*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 315 provides funding to agencies to pay for services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Geographic Information Systems and Maine Library of Geographic Information.

Public Law 2017, chapter 315 was enacted as an emergency measure effective October 31, 2017.

**LD 1653 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers**

**PUBLIC 439**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R	OTP-AM ONTP	S-366

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill provides that service retirement benefits for a Capitol Police officer in the employment of the Department of Public Safety must be computed on the basis of all of the member's creditable service, regardless of when that service was earned.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-366)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, makes technical drafting changes to the bill. It also makes clear that the provisions of the bill apply only to those Capitol Police officers employed in that capacity as of the effective date of the legislation.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 439 provides that service retirement benefits for a Capitol Police officer in the employment of the Department of Public Safety as of the effective date of this public law must be computed on the basis of all of the member's creditable service, regardless of when that service was earned and provides an appropriation to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to fund the associated costs.

**LD 1760 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Acquire Significant Historic Properties for Resale and Rehabilitation**

**Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R		

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature to the next special session of the 128th Legislature by joint order S.P. 748.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$1,050,000, will be used to provide funds to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to capitalize the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund for the purpose of acquiring significant historic properties for resale and rehabilitation.