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128TH 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 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

which petitions are being circulated. Chapter 418 provides instead that that it is a conflict of interest for a notary public to administer an oath or affirmation to a circulator of a petition for a direct initiative or people's veto referendum if the notary public also provides other services to initiate or promote the direct initiative or people's veto referendum. It also prohibits a notary public or other authorized person from administering an oath or affirmation to the circulator of a petition to initiate the direct initiative or people's veto referendum if the notary public or other authorized person is providing any other services, regardless of compensation, to initiate the direct initiative or people's veto referendum or providing other services, regardless of compensation, to promote the direct initiative or people's veto referendum.

Chapter 418 also creates certain reporting requirements for contributions made by a major contributor to a ballot question committee or political action committee for the purpose of initiating or influencing a people's veto referendum campaign or a direct initiative campaign. It defines a "major contributor" as a person, other than an individual, that makes one or more contributions aggregating in excess of \$100,000. It also requires the recipient committee to notify a major contributor of the reporting requirement. Chapter 418 provides for certain civil penalties for a major contributor that does not file a timely report.

LD 1912 An Act To Prohibit Campaign Fund-raising at the Voting Place

**Died On
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)

PARRY W

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill prohibits collection or solicitation by any person of campaign contributions related to a political organization, candidate for elected office or proposition submitted to voters on public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself.

**LD 1926 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Specify the Qualifications of Electors**

**Died On
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)

BRAKEY E

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to specify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States may vote in a state, county or municipal or other local election.