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129<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 129<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 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 218**      **An Act To Prohibit a Person from Collecting Contributions under the  
Maine Clean Election Act at a Polling Place**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL D GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill prohibits the solicitation, acceptance or collection by a participating candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act of seed money contributions or qualifying contributions within 250 feet of the entrance to a voting place as well as within the voting place itself.

A prohibition on improperly influencing voters at a polling place or within 250 feet of the entrance to a polling place on Election Day with respect to an office that is on the ballot for the election that day, which effectively prohibits the solicitation or acceptance of campaign contributions by both traditionally financed candidates and Maine Clean Election Act candidates running for offices that appear on the ballot, was enacted as part of Public Law 2019, chapter 371 (LD 1730).

**LD 245**      **An Act To Reestablish a Presidential Primary System in Maine**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L MOONEN M	ONTP	

This bill makes permanent the temporary provisions in law for presidential primaries that were repealed on December 1, 2018. Under the bill, if a state party committee certifies that there is a contest among its candidates for president, the Secretary of State must set the date of the presidential primary election, which must be held on a Tuesday in March. To be included on the primary ballot, candidates for the presidential primary must submit petitions signed by between 2,000 and 3,000 registered voters enrolled in the candidate's party to the Secretary of State by December 21 of the year prior to the primary election.

A separate bill proposing to establish a presidential primary in Maine (LD 1626) was enacted as Public Law 2019, chapter 445.

**LD 252**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine  
To Prohibit New or Increased Fees or Taxes by Means of Direct  
Initiatives of Legislation**      **Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J DILLINGHAM K	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolution proposes to amend Article IV, part 3, section 18 of the Constitution of Maine to prohibit the imposition of any new or increased taxes or fees through the direct initiative process.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.