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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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 State and Local Government*

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It prevents municipalities from prohibiting short-term rentals. It removes the 4-person limit in the definition of "short-term rental".

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 226      An Act To Require the Use of Preapproved Subcontractors for Publicly Funded Construction Projects      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SYLVESTER M	ONTP	

This bill requires general contractors who bid on public improvement projects with a value over \$100,000 to use preapproved subcontractors for certain components of the project. It requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to establish a process to solicit, accept and evaluate bids from subcontractors to be preapproved for future capital improvement contracts.

**LD 257      An Act To Help Ensure That the Legislature Has the Information Necessary To Do the Work of the People of Maine      PUBLIC 136**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D EVANGELOS J	OTP-AM OTP	S-76

This bill amends the chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes concerning interbranch communication and coordination to prohibit the Governor from limiting access to department commissioners and other executive branch personnel when the Legislature is seeking information necessary for the Legislature to do the work of the people of Maine.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-76)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It replaces the bill with several legislative findings emphasizing the Constitutional and historical basis for active participation of the executive branch in the legislative process to ensure informed and effective legislation.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 136 enacts legislative findings emphasizing the Constitutional and historical basis for active participation of the executive branch in the legislative process to ensure informed and effective legislation.

**LD 285      An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Federally Mandated Major Substantive Rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act      PUBLIC 29**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ZEIGLER S HERBIG E	OTP ONTP	

This bill repeals the provision of law that exempts from legislative review major substantive rules adopted to comply with federal law or to qualify for federal funds.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 29 repeals the provision of law that exempts from legislative review major substantive rules adopted to comply with federal law or to qualify for federal funds.