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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 129th 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 129th 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.

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withdrawal equals or exceed 25% of the total votes cast in the municipality for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. A vote to adopt or revise a charter is valid if the number of votes cast in favor of the proposed change equals or exceeds 15% of the total votes cast in the municipality in the last gubernatorial election. A vote to deorganize is valid if the number of votes cast in favor of deorganization equals or exceeds 1/3 of the total votes cast in the municipality for Governor in the last gubernatorial election.

LD 489 **An Act To Allow Municipalities To Enforce New Noise Ordinances on Existing Shooting Ranges** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J BAILEY D	ONTP	

This bill gives municipalities the authority to adopt noise control or other ordinances for sport shooting ranges if the Commissioner of Public Safety approves the ordinance pursuant to criteria and a process established through rulemaking. Rules adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety are major substantive.

LD 520 **An Act To Resolve Tie Votes by the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee** **PUBLIC 23
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W	OTP-AM	H-27

This bill provides that in the event of a tie vote on a budget item by the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee, the committee is required to present the item to the Washington County commissioners to decide by majority vote.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)

This amendment prevents a tie vote from occurring in the Washington County Budget Adviosry Committee by making the legislative member of the committee a nonvoting member, leaving an odd number of voting members.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 23 makes the legislative delegate of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee a nonvoting member.

Public Law 2019, chapter 23 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2019.

LD 521 **An Act To Amend the Archives and Records Management Law** **PUBLIC 50**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JORGENSEN E DAVIS P	OTP-AM	H-52

This bill makes the following changes to the archives and records management law.

1. It specifies that it is the policy of the State to ensure that nonpermanent records are preserved for the time required by an approved records retention schedule.