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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**

from three to five. It adds the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, to the Background Check Consolidation Commission. It moves the report deadline from December 4, 2019 to December 20, 2019.

This resolve was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Study Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

**LD 623      An Act To Amend the Charter of the City of Brewer High School District** **P & S 6  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VEROW A LIBBY N	OTP-AM	H-71

This bill amends the charter of the City of Brewer High School District to provide that each trustee of the district receives annual compensation as determined by the city council and to provide that the president, treasurer and clerk receive additional annual compensation as determined by the city council.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause to ensure the legislation becomes effective prior to the start of the City of Brewer's fiscal year 2019-20. This amendment requires that each City of Brewer High School District trustee receives the same amount of compensation and removes the provision regarding additional compensation for the president, treasurer and clerk.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 6 amends the City of Brewer High School District charter to provide equal compensation to all trustees, beginning in fiscal year 2019-20, in an amount determined by the City of Brewer council.

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 6 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 30, 2019.

**LD 655      An Act To Allow Municipalities To Send Separate Tax Bills for Municipal and County and School Taxes** **Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ORDWAY L FARRIN B	ONTP OTP	

This bill permits municipalities to issue separate tax bills for taxes attributable to education funding, taxes attributable to county taxes, and all other municipal costs.

**LD 687      Resolve, To Create a Flag To Recognize the Bicentennial of the State** **RESOLVE 22**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COOPER J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-72