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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 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.

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

This bill requires that instead of a specific dollar amount the State provide at least 20.22% of the cost of county jail operations to the County Jail Operations Fund for distribution to county jails.

LD 693 An Act To Create a Regional Prerelease Center

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WARREN C		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to establish and fund a regional prerelease center.

LD 700 An Act To Prevent Internet Theft

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELLOWS S HANLEY J		

This bill creates the crime of organized electronic theft, of which a person is guilty if the person commits two or more thefts under the Maine Criminal Code pursuant to a scheme or course of conduct involving thefts committed by electronic means. "Thefts committed by electronic means" includes, but is not limited to, thefts committed using Internet-based sales platforms and Internet-based fundraising, including so-called crowdfunding platforms. The severity of punishment for the crime of organized electronic theft is dependent upon the total value of the property stolen. The bill also includes an appropriation to establish a computer forensic analyst position within the Department of Public Safety dedicated to the investigation of organized electronic theft.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 735 An Act To Create a Seat for a Representative of the Wabanaki Tribal Governments on the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

PUBLIC 103

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R MOORE M	OTP-AM	H-111

This bill provides a permanent seat on the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for a representative of the five Wabanaki tribal governments. The tribal representative must be a law enforcement official and must be chosen for a two-year term by a process determined by the tribal governments. The process must require that the position rotate among the five tribal governments.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-111)

This amendment changes the title and provides a seat on the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for a person appointed by the Governor who is knowledgeable about public safety and who has been recommended to the Governor by the Wabanaki tribal governments of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton