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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 Judiciary*

**LD 991      Resolve, To Expunge Criminal and Civil Records Related to Marijuana Activities Legalized by the Voters of Maine      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL J STANLEY S	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Public Safety to expunge, by July 1, 2020, all records relating to criminal convictions and civil violations for conduct now authorized by the adult use of marijuana provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes.

**LD 998      Resolve, Requiring the Collection of Data on the Marriage of Minors      RESOLVE 46**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BREEN C PIERCE T	OTP ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention through its division of data, research and vital statistics to report by December 4, 2019 to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on data on the incidence of marriage of minors in the State. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 46, directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention through its division of data, research and vital statistics to report by December 4, 2019 to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on data on the incidence of marriage of minors in the State. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**LD 1021      An Act To Require the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services To Pay Court-appointed Attorneys for Certain Probate Court Cases      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P		

This bill provides that when a probate court appoints an attorney for a party in a guardianship or protective proceeding, if the party is indigent or a minor, the attorney's fees must be paid by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

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