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

dwelling unit on the same parcel of land.

**LD 1004      Resolve, To Direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services To Study the Costs and Benefits of Telework to the State and Its Employees**

**RESOLVE 37**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY S	OTP-AM	H-181

This bill requires that by 2030 at least 30% of state employees must be teleworking. Telework is defined as a flexible work arrangement under which an employee performs the duties and responsibilities of the employee's position from a location other than the office or location provided by the employer. The bill requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to annually report the State's progress toward this goal the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-181)**

This amendment changes the bill into a resolve directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to conduct a study of the costs and benefits of telework for the executive branch and its employees. The Department must report its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by October 1, 2020.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 37 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to conduct a study of the costs and benefits of telework for the executive branch and its employees. The Department must report its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by October 1, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee may introduce legislation to the 1st Regular Session of the 130th legislature.

**LD 1011      An Act To Clarify Filing Requirements for Proposed Rules**

**PUBLIC 146**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT R PIERCE T	OTP-AM	S-73

This bill clarifies that when an agency provides notice to the Legislature of a proposed rule or the adoption of an emergency rule, it must identify whether the proposed rule or adopted emergency rule is a routine technical rule or a major substantive rule.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-73)**

This amendment adds the requirement that the public notice for proposed and adopted rulemaking identify whether the rule is routine technical or major substantive as those terms are defined in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8071, subsection 2.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 146 requires the public notice and notice to the Legislature of any proposed or adopted rulemaking indicate whether the rule is routine technical or major substantive as those terms are defined in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8071.