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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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implement a training program for municipal officers and employees on the ethical standards applicable to and the performance risks associated with hiring professional consultants. The bill prohibits a person contracted to provide professional services to a municipality from having a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the business of the municipality.

LD 1086 **An Act To Promote the Goals of the Low-emission Vehicle Program by Requiring That New Vehicle Purchases for the State Fleet Be Composed of a Minimum Percentage of Zero-emission Vehicles** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOLEY R TUCKER R	ONTP	

This bill promotes the goals of the State's low-emission vehicle program by requiring the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, Central Fleet Management Division to purchase a certain percentage of zero-emission vehicles each year. Starting in fiscal year 2020-21, zero-emission vehicles must equal 15% of all purchases. The requirement is increased each year by 5% until fiscal year 2027-28 when 50% of the state fleet vehicles purchases must be zero-emission vehicles. Zero-emission vehicles include battery electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and fuel cell vehicles.

LD 1102 **An Act To Remove a Reference to Constables in the Law Governing Execution of Process** **PUBLIC 147**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STETKIS J	OTP	

This bill removes constables from the list of persons allowed to execute legal process at the direction of county commissioners.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 147 removes constables from the list of persons allowed to execute legal process at the direction of county commissioners.

LD 1128 **An Act To Clarify Statutes Related to Establishing a Municipal Charter Commission** **PUBLIC 149**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLAXTON N	OTP	

This bill differentiates the language used for a petition to establish a charter commission for purposes of creating a new municipal charter from the language used for a petition to establish a charter commission to revise an existing charter.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 149 differentiates the language used for a petition to establish a charter commission for purposes of creating a new municipal charter from the language used for a petition to establish a charter commission to revise an existing charter.