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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

PART DDDDD carries forward unexpended All Other funds as of June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 in the Department of Public Safety, Administration - Public Safety program, General Fund account to the next fiscal years to provide funding for grants for the provision of community-based treatment and support services through the Substance Use Disorder Assistance Program.

PART EEEEE transfers \$1,035,000 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts in the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Marine Resources or the Department of Education to the Department of Marine Resources, Nonfederal Grants, Other Special Revenue Funds account, based on the determination of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

Public Law 2019, chapter 343 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2019.

LD 1093 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure CARRIED OVER

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for investments in railroad infrastructure to expand passenger rail service, with a priority for railroad track corridors that could support passenger and freight intermodal operations and enhance the movement of agricultural products.

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

LD 1119 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Municipalities and School Administrative Units CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L HUBBELL B		

The funds provided by the bond issue in Part A, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to purchase solar arrays, high-efficiency ductless heat pumps and high-efficiency modern wood heating systems for buildings and property owned by municipalities and school administrative units.

Part B directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to use funds from the bond issue under Part A to fund the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program.

Part C establishes the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program within the Efficiency Maine Trust to support municipalities and municipally authorized citizen committees and school administrative units across the State in reducing energy costs, reducing carbon emissions, facilitating the development of renewable energy resources and creating local jobs related to the building of renewable energy facilities and the installation of energy-efficient equipment. It funds the program with the proceeds of bonds, including bonds issued pursuant to Part A, any other funds allocated by the trust and matching funds from participating municipalities.

Parts B and C take effect only if the bond issue under Part A is approved by the voters of the State.

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

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

LD 1224 An Act To Authorize General Fund Bond Issues To Address Changes in CARRIED OVER
Sea Level, Geospatial Data Acquisition by Communities and the
Increase in Ocean Acidity

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M VITELLI E		

Part A authorizes the issuance of bonds, in the amount of \$5,000,000, to be used to support improvements to sea level prediction models by providing more detailed mapping of coastal zones and monitoring sea level changes in order to mitigate the impact of and help prepare for rising sea levels.

Part B authorizes the issuance of bonds, in the amount of \$6,000,000, to be used to provide partnership funds and matching grants for geospatial data acquisition to communities that are creating or improving digital parcel maps to accurately identify existing boundaries and land use, identify potential community development areas and protect environmental resources.

Part C authorizes the issuance of bonds, in the amount of \$3,000,000, to be used to collect data, monitor waterways and perform tests related to the known increasing ocean acidity along the Maine coast and its impact on natural wildlife and commercially important species in Maine waters, such as lobsters and clams.

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

LD 1333 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Establish a Maine CARRIED OVER
County Correctional Facilities Revolving Construction and
Improvement Fund

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

This bill provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, to fund the construction, repair and upgrading of county correctional facilities. Part B establishes the Maine County Correctional Facilities Revolving Construction and Improvement Fund to receive the bond money and the Maine County Correctional Facilities Construction and Improvement Board to administer the fund. The bill allows money in the fund to be loaned to a county for a project to construct, repair or upgrade a county correctional facility and requires a loan from the fund to be approved at a referendum of the voters of the county where the project is located.

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

LD 1496 An Act To Protect the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE D BREEN C		