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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 State and Local Government

LD 1300 Resolve, To Transfer the Guilford Butler School Property to the Town of South Thomaston

**RESOLVE 91
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MATLACK A MIRAMANT D	OTP-AM	H-264

This resolve authorizes the State, by and through the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to convey its interests in the state property known as the Guilford Butler School property in South Thomaston to the Town of South Thomaston.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-264)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 91 authorizes the State, by and through the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to convey its interests in the state property known as the Guilford Butler School property located in South Thomaston to the Town of South Thomaston.

Resolve 2019, chapter 91 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2019.

LD 1302 An Act To Remove Vacancy Provisions for Certain Positions in County Government

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMPSON H	ONTP OTP	

This bill repeals the provision of law that requires the Governor to fill vacancies in certain county positions with a successor from the same political party. The county positions covered by this bill include the county commissioner, treasurer, district attorney and registry of deed.

LD 1328 An Act To Increase the Salaries of the Governor and Legislators

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M	ONTP	

This bill increases the Governor's salary from \$70,000 per year to \$125,000 per year effective with the election of a Governor not in office on December 2, 2020. Beginning with the 130th Maine Legislature, this bill increases the salary of Maine Legislators from \$14,862 in the first year and \$10,613 in the 2nd year of a biennium, after adjustment for inflation, to \$20,000 in the first year and \$15,000 in the 2nd year of a biennium and the salary of a person who succeeds a member of the Legislature who dies or otherwise vacates office. This bill retains the annual cost-of-living adjustment for salary and clarifies that it applies to a successor's salary. This bill also increases the per diem meal and housing allowances paid to Legislators from \$32 and \$38 to \$40 and \$60, respectively.