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**STATE OF MAINE**  
129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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# STATE OF MAINE

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



## 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*

session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 1733 An Act To Ensure Comprehensive Interdepartmental Planning, Coordination and Collaboration on Aging Policy**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FAY J	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill creates the position of Director of Aging in the Governor's Office of Policy and Management to oversee the planning and policy development for all functions and activities conducted or supported in the State that relate to aging, older adults and family care partners of older adults, including, but not limited to, promoting intergovernmental collaboration in meeting established aging policy objectives and managing the coordination of multiple-agency initiatives related to policy objectives. The bill amends the requirements for preparing and implementing a comprehensive state plan relating to Maine's aging population and incapacitated and dependent adults. The bill establishes a State Commission on Aging to advise the Governor, Legislature and state agencies on planning, research and intergovernmental cooperation related to the needs of older adults in the State. The bill authorizes the Revisor of Statutes, in preparing legislation, to change any terms that refer to "elderly," "elder" or "senior" individuals to refer instead to "older" individuals.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-682)**

This amendment was the majority report of the committee. It creates the Cabinet on Aging to promote intergovernmental collaboration in meeting aging policy objectives and managing the coordination of multiple-agency initiatives related to the needs of older adults in the State. The Cabinet on Aging will provide input to the Department of Health and Human Services on the department's comprehensive state plan for Maine's aging population and incapacitated and dependent adults and on the new state plan on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. This amendment was not adopted.

This bill was reported out of committee and then recommitted back to committee with accompanying papers. This bill was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 1799 Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in the Little Moose Unit of Moosehead Junction Township**

**RESOLVE 126**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEARNS P	OTP-AM	H-728

This resolve was carried over in the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322. This resolve was re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee during the Second Regular Session.

This resolve authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey 0.23 acre of land in Little Moose Unit, Moosehead Junction Township to an abutter, Charles Benevento, to resolve a boundary issue.

*Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-728)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 126 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey 0.23 acre of land in Little Moose Unit, Moosehead Junction Township to an abutter, Charles Benevento, to resolve a boundary issue.

**LD 1812      An Act To Make Necessary Changes to State Law      CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 that proposes to make necessary changes to state law.

This bill, which had been referred to committee but not yet heard, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 1814      An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Legislature      CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208 that proposes to amend certain laws affecting the operations of the Legislature.

This bill, which had been referred to committee but not yet heard, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 1852      An Act To Amend the Law That Increases the Number of Franklin County Commissioners.      EMER ENACT FAILED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RILEY T		

This bill, which was introduced and finally disposed of during the First Special Session of the 129th Legislature, was not referred to committee.