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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*

**LD 1753 An Act Amending the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District**

**P & S 11**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| STOVER H          | OTP-AM                  | H-486                     |

This bill amends the charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District to: require that bond issues in the principal amount of \$250,000 or greater go to a referendum vote; to add a competitive bidding requirement for district procurements of \$20,000 or greater; and increase the cap on contributions to the capital reserve fund.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-486)**

The amendment clarifies that the annual allocation to the capital reserve fund after fiscal year 2020 must be the greater of the previous year's allocation or that year's allocation adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the most recently concluded calendar year.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 11 requires voter approval for an issue of bond authorized by the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District trustees in an amount equal to or greater than \$250,000. It requires a competitive bidding process be used for any procurement of the district in an amount equal to or greater than \$20,000. It increases to \$140,000 the maximum annual allocation into the capital reserve fund, starting in fiscal year 2020. Each year thereafter, the capital reserve fund set aside must equal the greater of the prior year's set-aside amount or the prior year's set aside amount adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price index for the most recently concluded calendar year.

**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> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FECTEAU R         |                         |                           |

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

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

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

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