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STATE OF MAINE
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL AND SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS



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

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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 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

2. To provide \$5,000,000 for wastewater treatment facility planning, construction grants and hydrographic modeling, prioritizing areas with high-value shellfish resources; and

3. To provide \$5,000,000 to establish a revolving loan fund for the purchase and installation of high-performance air source heat pumps in Maine residences.

LD 1848 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Unserved and Underserved Areas of the State, Maintenance and Improvement of the Maine National Guard Armories, Readiness Centers and Support Facilities and Capital Improvements and Equipment Purchases for Career and Technical Education Centers** **Enactment Failed**

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

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$23,000,000, will be used to invest in high-speed Internet infrastructure, Maine Army National Guard armories, readiness centers and support facilities, and career and technical education centers.

LD 1850 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities** **PUBLIC 532**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND B MCLEAN A		

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$105,000,000, will be used to build or improve roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit and ports and make other transportation investments to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 532 provides funding, in the amount of \$105,000,000, to be used to build or improve roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit and ports and make other transportation investments to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds.

LD 1851 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Land Conservation, Water Access, Outdoor Recreation, Wildlife and Fish Habitats and Farmland and Working Waterfront Preservation** **Enactment Failed**

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

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

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

Part A provides a bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, to be used for the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation; water access; wildlife or fish habitat, including deer wintering areas; outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing; and working farmland preservation and working waterfront preservation.

Part B allows proceeds of the Land for Maine's Future Fund to be spent on property that is determined by the Land for Maine's Future Board to be for a community conservation project, defines "community conservation project," amends the definition of "cooperating entities" and sets helping the State's natural ecosystems, wildlife and natural resource-based economies adapt to a changing climate as a priority of the board in making land acquisitions.

LD 1885 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair or Replace CARRIED OVER
Bureau of Forestry Helicopters

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$4,000,000, will be used to repair or replace Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry helicopters.

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

LD 2060 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide a New CARRIED OVER
Dormitory Facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used for a new dormitory facility at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

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

LD 2126 An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the PUBLIC 616
Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and EMERGENCY
Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper
Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30,
2020 and June 30, 2021

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