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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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## 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 Judiciary

a law school accredited by the American Bar Association when the practice is pursuant to a rule of the Supreme Judicial Court.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 597 provides an exception to the unauthorized practice of law for practice by a law student enrolled in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association when the practice is pursuant to a rule of the Supreme Judicial Court.

### **LD 1862**      **Resolve, Authorizing the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission To Submit Trust Decanting Legislation**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

This resolve directs the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission to review the existing trust laws of this State and the Uniform Trust Decanting Act from the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and develop legislative recommendations based on the review. The Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This resolve, which had been reported out of committee but not yet taken up by the House or the Senate, was carried over to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

### **LD 1863**      **An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code**

**PUBLIC 598**

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

This bill includes recommendations from the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, section 1-803.

The bill amends Title 18-C, section 3-306 to add language that previously existed in Title 18-A, section 3-306 in order to ensure that heirs, devisees and personal representatives are given notice of the filing of an application for informal probate.

The bill adds language to Title 18-C, section 3-310 that previously existed in Title 18-A, section 3-310 in order to ensure that heirs and devisees are given notice of the filing of an application for informal appointment of a personal representative. The changes to Title 18-C, section 3-310 parallel the amendment made to Title 18-C, section 3-306.

The bill amends Title 18-C, section 3-706, subsection 1 to clarify that the personal representative is required to send a copy of the inventory to all interested persons "who request" the inventory. Both the former counterpart provision under Title 18-A and the counterpart provision under the Uniform Probate Code require the personal representative to furnish the inventory only to persons "who request" the inventory; Title 18-C, section 3-706, subsection 2 states that "the personal representative shall furnish the inventory to interested persons who request it."

The bill amends Title 18-C, section 3-801, subsection 1 to require that notice of the appointment of a personal representative be published to creditors in the county where the decedent was domiciled at the time of death, rather than in the county in which the court that appointed the personal representative is located. When an application for