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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 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.

LD 1869 An Act To Clarify the Financial Reporting Responsibilities of Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees

PUBLIC 563

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINIL	OTP-AM ONTP	S-377

This bill, submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, clarifies which statutes contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter 4 relate to both political action committees and ballot question committees and which relate only to political action committees.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-377)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that the terms "ballot question committee" and "political action committee," as those terms are used throughout the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, mean a person required to register as a ballot question committee or as a political action committee, respectively, in chapter 13, subchapter 4 of that Title.

The amendment also adds cross-references to the penalty provisions of chapter 13, subchapter 4 to clarify that, as stated in the bill, those penalties apply to political action committees or ballot question committees that are required to register and to file campaign finance reports with a municipal clerk and that violate the campaign finance laws. Finally, the amendment makes technical changes to the law governing the content of political action committees' campaign finance reports to clarify that the law does not apply to ballot question committees.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 563 clarifies which statutes contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter 4 relate to both political action committees and ballot question committees and which relate only to political action committees. It also clarifies that the terms "ballot question committee" and "political action committee," as those terms are used throughout the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, mean a person required to register as a ballot question committee or as a political action committee, respectively, under chapter 13, subchapter 4.

LD 1871 An Act To Modify the Financial Disclosure Requirements for a Governor-elect

PUBLIC 564

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINIL	OTP-AM ONTP	S-376

This bill, submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, makes the following changes to the law that regulates the financial activities of a committee established to finance a Governor-elect's transition to office and inauguration.

1. It repeals the provision of law prohibiting the treasurer of the transition committee from having also served as the treasurer of any candidate committee or political action committee in the same election cycle.
2. It extends the deadline for transition committees to accept donations from January 31st to March 31st of the year following the gubernatorial election and authorizes the commission to extend the deadline further if the committee requests additional time to fundraise to pay a debt or loan related to the transition to office or inauguration.