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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES  
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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 Energy, Utilities and Technology*

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

**LD 1877 An Act To Amend the Kittery Water District Charter**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RYKERSON D LAWRENCE M	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to make changes to the charter of the Kittery Water District.

**LD 1880 An Act To Repeal and Replace the Canton Water District Charter**

**P & S 15**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETTR HAMPERJ	OTP-AM	H-670

This bill repeals and replaces the charter of the Canton Water District to update and modernize the district's charter and to clarify that, going forward, the district is to be considered a standard district as that term is defined in the Standard Water District Enabling Act.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-670)**

This amendment changes the threshold at which public notification of proposed debt and its purposes becomes necessary from \$30,000 to \$300,000.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 15 repeals and replaces the charter of the Canton Water District to update and modernize the district's charter and to clarify that, going forward, the district is to be considered a standard district as that term is defined in the Standard Water District Enabling Act. This law also changes the threshold at which public notification of proposed debt and its purposes becomes necessary from \$30,000 to \$300,000.

**LD 1881 An Act Regarding Utility-related Fees**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public utilities matters on any utility-related fees and penalties that have not been adjusted in the previous five years and to submit legislation to adjust each utility-related fee or penalty based on the Consumer Price Index. The commission is also required to submit legislation to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature to adjust all fees and penalties paid by public utilities based on the actuarially compounded Consumer Price Index for each fee or penalty since enactment.

The bill also requires the commission and the Public Advocate, beginning in 2021, to annually review their expenses relating to all consumer-owned public utilities and expenses relating to all investor-owned public utilities