

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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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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 State and Local Government*

This emergency bill amends Public Law 2019, chapter 362, which increased the number of Franklin County commissioners, subject to referendum by the voters of Franklin County. This bill authorizes the submission of the referendum question in the statewide election to be held in November 2019. This bill also makes technical changes to the designations of new County Commissioner Districts Number 1 and Number 5.

**LD 1908 An Act To Establish First Responders Day on September 11th**

**PUBLIC 570**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W MOORE M	OTP-AM	H-668

This bill establishes September 11th of each year as First Responders Day and as a state holiday.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-668)**

This amendment establishes September 11th as First Responders Day. It requires the Governor to issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe this day through appropriate ceremony, celebration and activity. First Responders Day honors the significant contributions of the men and women of Maine who put their lives in danger to keep the people of Maine safe, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, game wardens, forest rangers and marine patrol officers.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 570 establishes September 11th as First Responders Day. It requires the Governor to issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe this day through appropriate ceremony, celebration and activity. First Responders Day honors the significant contributions of the men and women of Maine who put their lives in danger to keep the people of Maine safe, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, game wardens, forest rangers and marine patrol officers.

**LD 1969 An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Carcinogens**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to require the collection and cataloging of data on the history of public buildings regarding abatement and contaminant testing, create new standards regarding the level of contaminants allowed in public buildings, improve testing requirements and better reinforce oversight of those buildings identified as having contaminant issues. This bill also seeks to improve the ability of state workers in public buildings to raise and resolve safety concerns.

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