

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

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



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

November 2020

MEMBERS:

SEN. NED CLAXTON, CHAIR

SEN. SUSAN A. DESCHAMBAULT

SEN. PAUL T. DAVIS

REP. ROLAND DANNY MARTIN, CHAIR

REP. MARK E. BRYANT

REP. ARTHUR C. VEROW*

REP. SARAH PEBWORTH

REP. ROGER E. REED

REP. FRANCES M. HEAD

REP. MARYANNE KINNEY

REP. WILLIAM R. TUELL

REP. JEFFREY EVANGELOS

REP. WALTER N. RISEMAN

REP. MAUREEN FITZGERALD TERRY*

STAFF:

LYNNE CASWELL, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

13 STATE HOUSE STATION

AUGUSTA, ME 04333

(207) 287-1670

<http://legislature.maine.gov/opla/>

*Committee member for a portion of the session

STATE OF MAINE

129TH 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 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 State and Local Government

LD 1973 An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Municipal Conservation Commissions

ONTP

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

This bill makes several changes to the law that permits municipal officers to establish a conservation commission. It adds the requirement that the commissioners appoint a chair and a secretary. It allows municipal officers to appoint alternate commissioners when necessary to ensure a quorum for voting purposes. It allows the commission to establish ad hoc committees and to appoint members to those committees that are not members of the commission. It changes the duties and powers of the commission to include developing an open area plan; assisting in drafting the municipality's comprehensive plan; advising any municipal reviewing authority in its deliberation related to effects on the municipality's environment and natural resources; educating community members; and developing and recommending to bodies politic a program for the better use of open areas. It repeals the provision that addressed park commissions established under previous law.

LD 1979 An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE M MARTIN J		

This bill allows the expenses of members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission to be reimbursed.

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.

LD 1989 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Recounts in Municipal Elections

**PUBLIC 558
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N MCCREIGHT J	OTP-AM	S-375

This bill corrects an error in Public Law 2019, chapter 288 by applying the provisions enacted in chapter 288 beyond recounts in the election of a municipal officer to recounts in the election for any municipal office.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-375)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 558 corrects an error in Public Law 2019, chapter 288 by applying the provisions enacted in chapter 288 beyond recounts in the election of a municipal officer to recounts in the election for any municipal office.

Public Law 2019, chapter 558 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 14, 2020.