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STATE OF MAINE
129TH 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 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 2101 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know
Advisory Committee Concerning Membership of the Archives Advisory
Board**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill implements the recommendations from the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee concerning the membership of the Archives Advisory Board. This bill adds three members to the Archives Advisory Board to ensure that journalists, newspapers, broadcasters and other news media as well as personal privacy protection advocates are represented in the expertise involved in the development of records retention schedules.

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 2115 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the State Compensation
Commission**

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, subsection 2 and then referred back to committee for processing in the normal course. This bill includes all the recommendations of the State Compensation Commission's January 2020 final report including increases in the:

1. Salary of the Governor from \$70,000 per year to \$135,000 per year to take effect after the election of a Governor not in office on December 2, 2020;
2. The expense account of the Governor from \$30,000 per year to \$40,000 per year;
3. Salary of Maine Legislators, beginning with the 130th Maine Legislature, from \$14,862 in the first year and \$10,582 in the second year of a biennium, after adjustment for inflation, to \$16,000 in each year of the biennium;
4. Mileage allowance for Maine Legislators from 44¢ per mile to 58¢ permile;
5. Lodging rate for Maine Legislators from \$38 per day to \$50 per day;
6. Salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court from \$116,000 per year to \$184,000 per year;
7. Salary of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court from \$96,000 to \$169,000 per year;
8. Per diem compensation for Active Retired Justices from \$350 per day to \$500 per day;
9. Salary of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court from \$94,000 per year to \$160,000 per year;
10. Salary of the Justices of the Superior Court from \$90,000 per year to \$150,000 per year;