

# 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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129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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*

**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;

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- 11. Salary of the Chief Judge of the District Court from \$94,000 per year to \$160,000 per year;
- 12. Salary of the Deputy Chief Judge of the District Court from \$92,000 per year to \$155,000 per year; and
- 13. Salary of the Associate Judges of the District Court from \$90,000 per year to \$150,000 per year.

The bill gives the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court the authority to develop criteria and rates for longevity pay for all justices and judges. It moves the initial meeting of the State Compensation Commission from within 15 days after appointment of the members to within 15 days after adjournment of a legislative session. It requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint the fifth member of the commission in alternating odd-numbered years. It removes the following positions from the commission's review: Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate and Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By reporting out this bill, the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or disagrees with any aspect of this bill. The committee is reporting out the bill for the sole purpose of having a bill printed and referred back to the committee for an appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in the normal course.

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

**LD 2132      Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 104: Certain      CARRIED OVER**  
**Payments Not Immediate, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the**  
**Office of the Treasurer of State**

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a major substantive rule of the Office of the Treasurer of State that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

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 2167      An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and      PUBLIC 617**  
**Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public      EMERGENCY**  
**Health Emergency**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill was not referred to committee. This bill provides the Governor, on a temporary basis, with additional powers for the duration of the state of emergency declared by the Governor in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 742 due to the outbreak of COVID-19 to enable the Governor to reduce the impact of the pandemic.

Part A allows the Governor or the Governor's designee, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, to: