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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*

- 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 Payments Not Immediate, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Office of the Treasurer of State**      **CARRIED OVER**

<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 Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**      **PUBLIC 617 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: