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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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## 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-770)**

This amendment, which is one of two minority reports of the committee, eliminates from the bill the proposed \$15,000,000 bond issue to invest in high-speed internet infrastructure.

**Committee Amendment "C" (H-771)**

This amendment, which is one of two minority reports of the committee, eliminates from the bill the proposed \$15,000,000 bond issue for multimodal facilities or equipment related to transit, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, ports, harbors, marine transportation and active transportation projects and eliminates the proposed \$15,000,000 bond issue to invest in high-speed internet infrastructure.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-449)**

This amendment changes the date of the referenda from November 2020 to June 2020.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 673 does the following:

Part A provides funds, in the amount of \$105,000,000, to be used for improvement of highways and bridges statewide and for multimodal facilities or equipment related to transit, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, ports, harbors, marine transportation and active transportation projects, to be matched by an estimated \$275,000,000 in federal and other funds.

Part B provides funds, in the amount of \$15,000,000, to be used for investments in high-speed internet infrastructure for unserved and underserved areas, to be matched by up to \$30,000,000 in federal, private, local or other funds.

**LD 2163 An Act To Address Funding Needs Related to COVID-19**

**PUBLIC 618  
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

GIDEON S  
JACKSON T

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill authorizes transfers from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to a COVID-19 response fund in order to address funding needs associated with COVID-19 through January 15, 2021.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019 chapter 618 authorizes transfers from the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital to a COVID-19 response fund in order to address funding needs associated with COVID-19 through January 15, 2021.

Public Law 2019, chapter 618 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020.