



MUUSAN's LEGISLATIVE ACTION SUMMARY
Second Regular Session, 128th Legislature
January-September 2018
Bill Resolutions Added August 30, 2018

The Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network, upon study and recommendation by our Issue Groups, and in keeping with our UU Seven Principles, took positions on the following laws, bills and other actions including the biennial budget. We supported actions in line with our Principles and opposed those which were not. In all, MUUSAN took positions on 18 bills, resolves or other actions.

This list is categorized by MUUSAN Issue Group: Democracy in Action, Health Care for All, Climate Change, and Racial Justice. Final outcomes are indicated in parentheses, in purple.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Support

- Ranked Choice Voting — whatever actions become necessary to preserve RCV, as voted by the people of Maine — including public education between now and the June primary (**PUBLIC LAW**)
- LD 1780, “An Act to Transfer Funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund To Provide Adequate Funding for Maine Clean Election Fund Candidates” – Rep. Louis Luchini. (**CARRIED OVER to any Special Session of the 128th Legislature**)

Oppose

- LD 1726, “An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections” - Rep. Louis Luchini. This bill would ban signature-gathering at polling places. (**DEAD**)
- LD 1846, “An Act to Require the Provision of Photographic Identification by Voters” - Governor’s bill, presented by Rep. Brad Farrin. (**DEAD**)

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

Support

- Medicaid Expansion - whatever actions become necessary for full funding of Medicaid expansion, as voted by the people of Maine (**PUBLIC LAW**)
- LD 912, Conversion Therapy Ban, “An Act to Clarify the Scope of Practice of Certain Licensed Professionals Regarding Conversion Therapy” - Rep. Ryan Fecteau (**DEAD**)
- LD 1711 – H.O.U.S.E bill for pilot project to treat homeless addicted to opioids – Rep. Drew Gattine. Resolve, To Save Lives by Establishing a Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project

within the Department of Health and Human Services. Establishes within DHHS a pilot project to provide rapid access to low-barrier treatment for substance use disorders and stable housing to support recovery and create stability for 50 opioid users who are among the most vulnerable and unstable in the State. **(DEAD)**

- LD 1774, the “LIFT” 2.0 bill, “An Act to Reduce Child Poverty by Leveraging Investments in Families Today” - Speaker Sara Gideon **(PASSED; Became Law without Governor Signature)**

- LD 1884, “An Act to Create a Community Protection Order” - would allow a process for police or others to petition courts to remove firearms from people deemed to be a danger to themselves or others - Sen. Mark Dion **(DEAD)**

Oppose

- LD 1761, “An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property” – Rep. John Martin **(DEAD)**

CLIMATE CHANGE

Support

- LD 1444, “An Act Regarding Large-Scale Community Solar Procurement” – Sen. David Woodsome **(DEAD)**

RACIAL JUSTICE

Support

- LD 1414, "Act to Ensure the Availability of In-Person Visitation in County Jails" - Rep. Rachel Talbot-Ross **(DEAD)**

- LD 1492, Immigrant Welcoming Center bill ("An Act to Attract, Educate and Retain New Mainers to Strengthen the Workforce") - Sen. Roger Katz **(CARRIED OVER to any Special Session of the 128th Legislature)**

- LD 1566, “An Act to Enact the Maine Fair Chance Employment Act” (also called “Ban the Box”) – Rep. Rachel Talbot-Ross. (Carried over from First Session.) **(DEAD)**

- LD 1740, “An Act To Establish the Crimes of Criminal Forced Labor and Aggravated Criminal Forced Labor in the Maine Criminal Code” – Sen. Volk, cosponsored by Speaker Sara Gideon and Rep. Erin Herbig **(VETO OVERRIDDEN - PUBLIC LAW)**

Oppose

- LD 1833 - Anti-Sanctuary City bill ("An Act to Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities") – Rep. Larry Lockman **(DEAD)**

- LD 1873, “An Act to Align State-Funded Benefits with Federal Eligibility Standards” – (a Governor bill) **(DEAD)**

- LD 1893, “An Act to Ensure Fair Employment Opportunity for Maine Citizens and Legal Residents by Requiring the Use of a Federal Immigration Verification System” – (a Governor bill) **(DEAD)**