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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

ELECTION LAWS

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAWS-LEGISLATION lllth Legislature, First Regular Session

(COMMITTEE REPORT) LD TITLE SPONSOR DISPOSITION 5 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE OF Jalbert (LV/WD) THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER LABOR DAY

SUMMARY: Similar to LD 235 which was reported out by the Committee.

6 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARRANGE-Racine (LV/WD) MENT OF NAMES ON PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS

SUMMARY: Would have required the arrangement of names on the ballot to alternate between alphabatical and reverse alphabetical order in alternating election years.

7 AN ACT RELATING TO REFERENDUM Diamond, J (Maj-OTP) CAMPAIGN REPORTS AND FINANCES (Min-ONTP) killed

SUMMARY: Would have imposed the same ceilings on campaign contributions in referenda campaigns as are currently imposed in candidate campaigns. Both the Attorney General and the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court issued opinions that such a law would be unconstitutional if enacted.

8 AN ACT TO EXPEDITE THE HANDLING Racine (OTP - AM)OF CHANGES IN VOTER REGISTRATION ENACT. PL 143

SUMMARY: Requires a registrar to send notice of a voter's previous address to the registrar of voter's prior municipality of residence when the voter registers to vote in the new municipality.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-38): Requires both the former street and mailing address to be sent. (ADOPTED)