

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ELECTION LAWS
BILL SUMMARY



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35 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN Carter (OTP-ND)
 ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR A MUNI- LD 1527
 CIPAL ELECTION MAY BE RE-
 QUESTED ON THE APPLICATION
 REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT
 FOR A STATE ELECTION

SUMMARY: Title of bill is self-explanatory.

72 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE WORDING Pouliot (ONTP)
 ON QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE
 PUBLIC AT THE POLLS

SUMMARY: Would have required ballot questions to be set out in clear, concise and direct language which may be easily understood by the voters. One of several bills dealing with this issue which the Committee addressed through LD 1059.

89 AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING Lewis (OTP-AM)
 OF THE TEXT OF ALL CONSTITUTION- ENACT. PL 385
 AL RESOLUTIONS AND STATEWIDE
 REFERENDA AT THE POLLING
 PLACES ON ELECTION DAY

SUMMARY: Would have required posters setting out the full text of constitutional resolutions and other statewide referenda to be displayed at voting places.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-253): Required only that "materials" setting out the full text be posted. (ADOPTED)

121 AN ACT TO IMPROVE VOTER REGIS- Baker (MAJ-OTP)
 TRATION ACCESS FOR POTENTIAL (MIN-ONTP)
 ABSENTEE VOTERS ENACT. PL 280

SUMMARY: Allows absentee voters to register at any time, including election day.

129 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ADVERTISING Rolde (ONTP)
 FOR POLITICAL CANDIDATES ON
 RADIO AND TELEVISION

SUMMARY: Would have prohibited political advertising by any form of electronic media.