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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ELECTION LAWS
BILL SUMMARY



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240 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION Racine (OTP)
LAWS CONCERNING SIGNATURES AND ENACT. PL 222
NAMES

SUMMARY: Immaterial irregularities in signatures on an election document shall not invalidate the signature.

241 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ELECTION Baker (OTP-AM)
LAWS ENACT. PL 425

SUMMARY: Proposed several technical and substantive changes in Election Laws: Enrollment allowed on registration form; eliminate need for notarization of application; require application form to be easily mailed; allow oversees voter registration on federal post card application; allow request of an absentee ballot on federal post card application; clarifies residency requirements for election officials; revises instructions on ballots; repeals the bonding requirement when municipalities purchase voting machines; requires challenged voter where voting machines are used to vote on official paper ballot; reduces time which voting machine counter totals must be preserved from 3 to 2 months; removes the date requirement on absentee ballots; changes the deadline for filing a petition to become a candidate by nomination petition to fill a vacancy; allows replacement of party nominees to certain offices who are selected at other than the regular primary election; and requires that registration and enrollment records of voters whose names have been purged be kept only 10 years.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-282): Deleted provisions concerning enrollment and registration on same form which is addressed in LD 368; deleted the provisions eliminating need for notarization; and deleted the provisions removing the date requirement on absentee ballots. (ADOPTED)

242 AN ACT TO ALLOW VOTER REGIS- Murray (LV/WD)
TRATION AND PARTY ENROLLMENT
ON THE SAME FORM

SUMMARY: Similar to LD 368 which was reported out by the Committee.

265 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE Pearson (OTP-AM)
FOR HOLDING MUNICIPAL CAUCUSES ENACT. PL 317

SUMMARY: Would have changed the deadline for the Democratic Party municipal caucuses from April 1 to March 1.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-111): Changes the new deadline from March 1st to the first Sunday after the last day of February. (ADOPTED)