

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
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BILL SUMMARY



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312 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VOTING BOOTHS REQUIRED IN MAINE ELECTIONS Pearson (OTP-ND) LD 1639

SUMMARY: Would have required each municipality to provide at least 1 voting booth for each 150 qualified to vote at each voting place.

364 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT REGISTRATION WITHIN 72 HOURS OF AN ELECTION Cahill (MAJ-ONTP) (MIN-OTP) Maj. report Accepted

SUMMARY: Would have prohibited registrars from accepting registration applications within 72 hours of an election, except for applicants turning 18 during that period.

365 AN ACT REGULATING THE ACTIVITIES OF POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES Handy (OTP-AM) ENACT. PL 365

SUMMARY: Imposes registration, reporting, record-keeping and contribution limit requirements similar to those for candidates and parties on political action committees.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-179): Makes 2 minor technical changes in the bill and clarifies that the \$5000 aggregate expenditure limit applies to spending in opposition to, as well as in support of, a candidate.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-236): Incorporates the provisions of the Committee Amendment and removes the \$5000 expenditure limit by PAC's in referenda to campaigns. (ADOPTED)

366 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW GOVERNING CAMPAIGN REPORTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS Tuttle (LV/WD)

SUMMARY: Would have repealed the provision in Title 30 which imposes a penalty for late filing by candidates for municipal office. That penalty is different from the one established in Title 21 for candidates generally.

367 AN ACT RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR LATE FILING OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS Baker (LV/WD)

SUMMARY: Would have eliminated the penalty for candidates who are less than 30 days late in filing campaign reports and would have established a sliding scale for penalties based on the amount of money raised and spent in the campaign.