

# 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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937 AN ACT TO MAKE VOTING PLACES  
MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE ELDERLY  
AND HANDICAPPED

Andrews

(REPORT A-ONTP)  
(REPORT B-OTP-AM,  
CA) (Accepted)  
(REPORT C-OTP-AM,  
CB)  
ENACT. PL 488

SUMMARY: Would have defined "accessible voting place" as having to meet all the construction standards for physically disabled prescribed in Title 25, chapter 331. Also required each town to provide at least one accessible voting place and required voter information to be printed in large type for the visually impaired.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-298): Requires only the part of the building set aside for voting to meet only the accessible route standards of construction and provided for a waiver to be granted by the Secretary of State in certain situations. (ADOPTED)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (H-299): Would have required only the part of building set aside for voting to meet only the accessible route standards of construction and would have provided for a gradual phase in of the requirement for municipalities to provide accessible voting places.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-320): Allows municipalities until July 1, 1985 to provide an accessible voting place and gives the Secretary of State authority to adopt rules governing the granting of waivers. (ADOPTED)

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-195): Deletes the requirement that voter information be provided in large type. (ADOPTED)

1031 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF  
MONEY WHICH CAN BE SPENT ON  
CAMPAIGNS FOR THE MAINE  
LEGISLATURE

Tuttle

(LV/WD)

SUMMARY: Would have established campaign spending limit for candidates in House primary and general elections of \$1500 and in Senate primary and general elections of \$3000.

1049 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES CON-  
CERNING POLITICAL ADVERTISING  
DURING POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

Reeves, P

(LV/WD)

SUMMARY: Would have prohibited candidates and political committees from publishing false political advertising, established a remedy for persons who are harmed by false advertising and set up a court procedure for settlement of advertising disputes.