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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ELECTION LAWS
BILL SUMMARY



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1201 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CAUCUS AND CONVENTION ALTERNATIVE FOR MAKING NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION Nadeau (LV/WD)

SUMMARY: Would have established an optional caucus convention method of nominating candidates. Municipal caucuses would nominate State legislators; county caucuses would nominate county officers and District Attorneys and a State convention would nominate Gubernatorial, U.S. Senate and House of Representative Candidates.

1231 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION LAWS Diamond, J (OTP-AM)
ENACT. PL. 360

SUMMARY: Changes the deadline for filing petitions for presidential nomination from April 1 to July 1. Shortens the review and challenge process for nominating petitions. Requires the Election Commission to notify candidates who are late in filing financial reports and establishes a grace period. Also makes a number of technical changes.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-238): Allows the registrar to place the zip code at the top of each page of the voting list instead of by each name. (ADOPTED)

1289 AN ACT CONCERNING LATE FILING UNDER THE REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN REPORTING LAW Conary (OTP)
ENACT. PL. 242

SUMMARY: Establishes that the penalty for late filing of campaign reports in referenda campaigns will be computed based on the number of business days the report is late, not calendar days.

1300 AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING BY ARMED SERVICES MEMBERS Livesay (LV/WD)

SUMMARY: Similar to LD 1180 which was reported out by the Committee.

1301 AN ACT TO CLARIFY PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATE-WIDE REFERENDA QUESTIONS WHICH APPEAR ON STATE BALLOTS Rolde (ONTP)

SUMMARY: Would have required ballot questions to be written so as to be easily understood and would have required a statement of intent and fiscal note. One of several bills dealing with this issue which Committee addressed in LD 1059.