

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ELECTION LAWS
BILL SUMMARY



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1356 AN ACT REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS Michael (LV/WD)
TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

SUMMARY: Would have added new lower contribution limits for State Senate (\$500) and House (\$250) elections, prohibited corporate campaign contributions and reduced the aggregate yearly contribution total from \$25,000 to \$10,000.

1357 AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN Andrews (LV/WD)
THE REFERENDUM PROCESS

SUMMARY: Would have required the AG to review all petitions and clarify if misleading. Charged the Secretary of State with preparing a ballot pamphlet which would be widely distributed and which would contain arguments pro and con for the question to be voted. Would also have established a procedure for arranging questions on the ballot. One of several bills dealing with this issue which was addressed by the committee in LD 1059.

1424 AN ACT RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF Racine (LV/WD)
ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY MUNICIPAL
CLERKS (BY REQUEST)

SUMMARY: Would have allowed more than 40 absentee ballots to be delivered to any 3rd person for use by voters living in a common facility like a nursing home.

1509 AN ACT RELATING TO BOARDS OF Handy (ND-LD 228)
VOTER REGISTRATION ENACT. PL 294

SUMMARY: Allows the board of registration to appoint deputies. The number appointed shall be evenly divided between the 2 parties.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-88): Requires that deputies assigned to party caucuses be of the party caucusing. (ADOPTED)

1527 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN Carter (ND-LD 235)
ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR A MUNI- ENACT. PL 289
CIPAL ELECTION MAY BE ISSUED
PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION
FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR
A STATE ELECTION

SUMMARY: Allows an absentee ballot for a municipal election to be issued based on an application for an absentee ballot for a state election to be held on the same day.