

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ELECTION LAWS
BILL SUMMARY



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1615 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTROL OF Rolde CARRIED OVER
THE CONTENT OF REBUTTALS TO
MEDIA EDITORIALS

SUMMARY: Would have required a broadcasting station to provide rebuttal time to an editorial broadcast by the station.

1639 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER Pearson ND-LD 312
OF VOTING BOOTHS REQUIRED IN ENACT. PL 391
MAINE ELECTIONS

SUMMARY: Requires each municipality to provide at least 1 voting booth for each 150, or major fraction thereof, of qualified voters at each voting place in a general election. In other elections officials may provide fewer booths when circumstances dictate. The Secretary of State may arrange for inspections to ensure compliance.

1663 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPLANA- McHenry ND-LD 1059
TIONS FOR REFERENDA QUESTIONS ENACT. PL 410
WHICH APPEAR ON A BALLOT

SUMMARY: Requires ballot questions to be set out in clear, concise and direct language and gives the Secretary of State responsibility to establish a method of drafting to ensure readability. Establishes the order in which questions appear on the ballot. Requires ballot questions for initiative and peoples veto referenda to appear on the face of the petition.