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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAWS LEGISLATION  
111th Legislature, Second Regular Session

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ID	TITLE	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>(COMMITTEE REPORT)</u> <u>DISPOSITION</u>
1615	AN ACT CONCERNING CONTROL OF THE CONTENT OF REBUTTALS TO MEDIA EDITORIALS	Rolde	LV/WD

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

1840	AN ACT TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO USE OUTGOING VOTER CHECK LISTS	Danton	OTP-ND ID 2358
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SUMMARY: See New Draft, ID 2358.

1954	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN TOWNS WITH VOTING MACHINES	Wood	OTP (MAJ) CNTP (MIN) ENACT PL C. 768
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SUMMARY: Would have required that absentee ballot be counted manually and not entered on voting machines.

SEN. AMEND "A" (S-365): changes the title to clarify that the bill applies to towns with voting devices, not voting machines, and provides that only ballots cast on ballot cards may be counted on voting devices. (ADOPTED)

2022	AN ACT TO ALLOW STATE PARTY COMMITTEES TO ESTABLISH THE TIME FOR ELECTING THEIR OFFICERS	Hobbins	OTP-ND ID 2350
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SUMMARY: See New Draft, ID 2350.

2095	AN ACT TO PROVIDE VOTER INFORMATION ON BALLOT QUESTIONS	Study Bill	OTP-AM INDEF. PP
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SUMMARY: Would have established a system of voter information for ballot questions, including a voter information pamphlet with pro and con statements, newspaper ads, informational posters and readability standards for ballot questions.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-568): Adds a fiscal note. (ADOPTED)

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" (H-678): Established a 6 member committee to draft arguments against ballot questions. (ADOPTED)