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### ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
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### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

**ELECTION LAWS** 

BILL SUMMARY



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

(COMMITTEE REPORT)

ID TITLE

SPONSOR

DISPOSITION

1615 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTROL

Rol de

LV/WD

OF 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.

1840 AN ACT TO ALLOW MUNICI-

Danton

OTP-ND ID 2358

PALITIES TO USE OUTGOING

VOTER CHECK LISTS

SUMMARY: See New Draft, ID 2358.

1954 AN ACT CONCERNING THE

Wood

OTP (MAJ)

COUNTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

ONTP (MIN)

IN TOWNS WITH VOTING MACHINES

ENACT PL C. 768

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

Hobbins

OTP-ND ID 2350

PARTY COMMITTEES TO ESTABLISH THE TIME FOR ELECTING THEIR OFFICERS

SUMMARY: See New Draft, ID 2350.

2095 AN ACT TO PROVIDE VOTER

Study Bill

OTP-AM

INFORMATION ON BALLOT

INDEF. PP

QUESTIONS

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)