

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT TO IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY IN THE COUNTING LVWD  
205 OF BALLOTS

Sponsor: TELOW  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Currently, the law requires that municipal clerks count ballots in batches of 50. This bill would allow the municipal clerk to determine whether to count ballots in groups of 50 or 100.

LD AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL PARTIES TO DETERMINE ND LD 1468  
228 THE QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Sponsor: DIAMOND, Murphy, T., Clark, N. Perkins  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1468

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1468

LD AN ACT TO ELIMINATE VOTER REGISTRATION ON ONTP  
235 ELECTION DAY

Sponsor: MACBRIDE  
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)  
OTP (Minority)

SUMMARY: Current law allows residents to register and vote on election day. This bill would prohibit registration on election day for all voters, including those who would vote absentee.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO ORGANIZATION AND POWERS OF LVWD  
239 RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

Sponsor: TUPPER, Maybury  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would strike out a sentence of the statute governing the powers of religious corporations. The sentence concerns just the local trustees of the United Methodist Church and the church's Book of Discipline. The statute is very unclear and has not been directly interpreted since 1915. Because the meaning of the statute was in question, and the change proposed would not help the person asking for the change, the Committee chose to leave the statute as it is.