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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 AMEND THE ELECTION LAWS REGARDING  
258 INCARCERATED FELONS

ND LD 1036

Sponsor: HILLOCK, Mayo, Armstrong, Dillenback  
Committee Report: OTP-ND-NT LD 1036

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1036.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROMPT ISSUANCE AND  
281 SERVICE OF WRITS OF POSSESSION

LVWD

Sponsor: MAYBURY, Dow, Handy, Murphy, E.  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would outline a timetable for service of writs of possession when tenancies at will are terminated. Current law does not address relief available to the plaintiff if the sheriff or constable does not serve the writ of possession on the tenant in a timely manner. This bill would require the sheriff or constable to serve the writ within 48 hours of receiving it, or appear before the court to show cause why it hasn't been served. The court would order the relief it deems appropriate.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO QUESTIONS PUT TO THE  
289 ELECTORATE AT REFERENDUM

PL 1987  
c. 119

Sponsor: KANY, Lacroix, Vose, Andrews  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-39 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill reduces the possibility of misleading questions with respect to questions placed before the voters as a result of peoples' veto or initiated measures. This bill requires that the questions be presented in a way that refers to the subject matter of a question in general form. The questions would be phrased: "Do you favor the changes in Maine law concerning (the subject matter of the law) proposed by citizen petition?" or "Do you favor one of the 2 measures concerning (the subject matter of the law), 'A' proposed by citizen petition, or 'B' adopted by the Legislature, or should both be rejected as provided in 'C'?" See also LD 119, LD 324, and LD 347.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-44) (not adopted) would make the bill apply to pending ballot questions as well as those in the future.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-45) (not adopted) would make the bill apply to pending ballot questions as well as those in the future.