

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH 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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<b>PUBLIC XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<b>P&amp;S XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<b>RESOLVE XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<b>CON RES XXX</b>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<b>CARRIED OVER</b>	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
<b>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</b>	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<b>ONTP</b>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<b>LVWD</b>	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<b>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</b>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<b>VETO SUSTAINED</b>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<b>UNSIGNED</b>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<b>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</b>	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

**LD 649      An Act to Amend the Prohibition Against the Sale of Liquor  
on Sundays      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HASTINGS TWITCHELL PLOURDE	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

The bill would have changed the hours that liquor sales are prohibited on Sundays from the hours between 6 a.m. and noon to the hours between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m.

**LD 652      An Act to Expedite and Improve Procedures Relating to  
Election Materials      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LIBBY CARLETON STEVENS A SKOGLUND	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have permitted clerks to test election ballots in their electronic voting machines several days before election day. The bill would also have required election wardens to process absentee ballots while the polls are open on election day, rather than after the polls close as required under current law. See LD 1053 and LD 1656.

**LD 662      An Act Concerning the Signing of Marriage Certificates      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PINEAU MCHENRY	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required the person performing a marriage ceremony to write the names of the witnesses on the marriage license rather than requiring the witnesses to sign the license.

**LD 683      An Act to Allow Reasonable Inspection of Absentee Ballots      ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
LIPMAN BAILEY H BOWERS GAUVREAU	ONTP	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required voters or their agents to deliver absentee ballots to the municipal clerk at least 2 hours before the polls close, to permit any interested party to inspect the ballot envelopes and applications before the polls close. See LD 1053.