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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
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We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER..... *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
CON RES XXX..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
EMERGENCY..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
ENACTMENT FAILED..... *Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*
INDEF PP..... *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
ONTP..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
OTP ND..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
OTP ND/NT..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
P&S XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
UNSIGNED..... *Bill held by Governor*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

- 4. Remove section 2 of the resolve as it is redundant; and
- 5. Add a fiscal note to the resolve.

LD 1997 **An Act to Amend the Election Laws to Prohibit Signing Nomination Papers for More than the Number of Seats Available** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RINES	ONTP	

LD 1997 proposed to amend current law regarding elections to town offices by restoring the provision, deleted in 1995, that a voter may sign only as many nomination papers for each office as there are vacancies to be filled. The bill also proposed to extend this limitation to nomination papers for state and county offices.

LD 2008 **An Act to Amend the Maine Clean Election Act** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RINES	ONTP	

LD 2008 proposed to amend the Maine Clean Election Act to eliminate the requirement that a candidate raise a certain amount of money in order to get public financing. The bill would have required that in order to be certified as a Maine Clean Election Act Candidate, the candidate must collect twice the number of signatures required for a candidate by petition.

LD 2020 **Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to License an Agency Liquor Store in the City of Caribou** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'NEAL KIEFFER		

LD 2020, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to direct the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to license an agency liquor store in the City of Caribou no later than 60 days after the effective date of this resolve.

LD 2032 **An Act to Clarify Maine's Campaign Finance Laws** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT		

LD 2032, which has been carried over to the Second Regular Session, proposes to exempt a candidate for Governor from the limitations on contributions if an opponent or spouse of an opponent lends or contributes an aggregate of at least \$25,000 to the opponent's gubernatorial campaign.