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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

ELECTION LAWS

BILL SUMMARY

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35   AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN   Carter   (OTP-ND)
      ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR A MUNI-   LD 1527
      CIPAL ELECTION MAY BE RE-
      QUESTED ON THE APPLICATION
      REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT
      FOR A STATE ELECTION

SUMMARY: Title of bill is self-explanatory.

72   AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE WORDING   Pouliot   (ONTP)
      ON QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE
      PUBLIC AT THE POLLS

SUMMARY: Would have required ballot questions to be set out in clear,
          concise and direct language which may be easily understood by the
          voters. One of several bills dealing with this issue which the
          Committee addressed through LD 1059.

89   AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING   Lewis   (OTP-AM)
      OF THE TEXT OF ALL CONSTITUTION-   ENACT. PL 385
      AL RESOLUTIONS AND STATEWIDE
      REFERENDA AT THE POLLING
      PLACES ON ELECTION DAY

SUMMARY: Would have required posters setting out the full text of
          constitutional resolutions and other statewide referenda to be
          displayed at voting places.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-253): Required only that "materials" setting out
          the full text be posted. (ADOPTED)

121   AN ACT TO IMPROVE VOTER REGIS-   Baker   (MAJ-OTP)
      TRATION ACCESS FOR POTENTIAL   (MIN-ONTP)
      ABSENTEE VOTERS   ENACT. PL 280

SUMMARY: Allows absentee voters to register at any time, including election
          day.

129   AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ADVERTISING   Rolde   (ONTP)
      FOR POLITICAL CANDIDATES ON
      RADIO AND TELEVISION

SUMMARY: Would have prohibited political advertising by any form of
          electronic media.