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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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Office of Legislative Assistants State House, Station 13 Augusta, Maine 04333 (207) 289-2486 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CITY OF Martin, H (LV/WD)
CARIBOU TO ESTABLISH A VOTING
DISTRICT IN THE UNORGANIZED
TOWNSHIP OF CONNOR

SUMMARY: Would have changed the responsibility for conducting elections in Connor from Caswell Plantation to Caribou.

147 AN ACT LIMITING THE TIME PERIOD Salsbury (ONTP)
FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS BY
CANDIDATES

SUMMARY: Would have prohibited a candidate from accepting contributions or spending money to support his candidacy prior to 6 months before the election.

155 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PROOF OF Willey (ONTP)
RESIDENCY FOR VOTER REGIS—
TRATION

SUMMARY: Title of bill is self-explanatory.

156 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE MANDA- Nadeau (OTP)
TORY NUMBER OF ELECTION ENACT. PL 61
CLERKS FOR EACH VOTING PLACE

SUMMARY: Reduces the number of election clerks required at each voting place from 4 to 2. Additional clerks could be appointed where necessary.

228 AN ACT RELATING TO BOARDS OF Handy (OTP-ND)
VOTER REGISTRATION LD 1509

SUMMARY: Would have prohibited the chairman of the board of registration from also being a public employee or officer in municipalities with populations of 20,000 or more; and would have permitted municipal officers to appoint deputies for boards of registration. Similar to LD 369.

235 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE OF Diamond, G (MAJ-OTP-AM)
THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE (MIN-ONTP)
FIRST TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER Died between Houses

SUMMARY: Would have changed to date of the Primary Election to the first Tuesday in September, including all necessary technical amendments to existing law.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-103): Would have changed the date of the primary to the 2nd Tuesday following the first Monday in September and required that a losing candidate in a primary who wish to file an application for a recount do so within 5 days of the election, rather than 10.