

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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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1615

AN ACT CONCERNING CONTROL OF  
THE CONTENT OF REBUTTALS TO  
MEDIA EDITORIALS

Rolde

CARRIED OVER

SUMMARY: Would have required a broadcasting station to provide rebuttal time to an editorial broadcast by the station.

1639 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER  
OF VOTING BOOTHS REQUIRED IN  
MAINE ELECTIONS

Pearson

ND-LD 312  
ENACT. PL 391

SUMMARY: Requires each municipality to provide at least 1 voting booth for each 150, or major fraction thereof, of qualified voters at each voting place in a general election. In other elections officials may provide fewer booths when circumstances dictate. The Secretary of State may arrange for inspections to ensure compliance.

1663 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPLANA-  
TIONS FOR REFERENDA QUESTIONS  
WHICH APPEAR ON A BALLOT

McHenry

ND-LD 1059  
ENACT. PL 410

SUMMARY: Requires ballot questions to be set out in clear, concise and direct language and gives the Secretary of State responsibility to establish a method of drafting to ensure readability. Establishes the order in which questions appear on the ballot. Requires ballot questions for initiative and peoples veto referenda to appear on the face of the petition.