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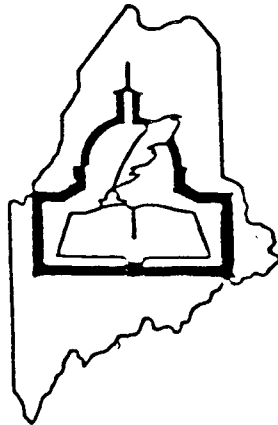
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 936 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

ND: 273

BOTT
BROWN L
STEVENSON
CROWLEY

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 41

SUMMARY:

LD 936 is a new draft of LD 273.

The purpose of this bill is to designate the first full week in December of each year as Alcohol Awareness Week, and to establish and incorporate Alcohol Awareness Day as a special observance day in the public schools to be observed on the first Monday in December. The special event day known as "Temperance Day" and currently observed in the schools on March 1 has been changed to Alcohol Awareness Day to be observed on the first Monday of December during Alcohol Awareness Week.

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning Committee, comprised of the Commissioners of Corrections, Educational and Cultural Services, Human Services and Mental Health and Mental Retardation, will make information available to the general public and organizations with respect to alcohol and drug use.

LD 273, the original bill, established the first week in December as Alcohol Awareness Week. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services was required to provide the schools with the information required to commemorate this observance.

LD: 943 RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO EXTEND THE TENURE FOR SHERIFFS FROM 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS

TWITCHELL
WALKER
JACKSON

OTP HOUSE Finally Passed
SENATE Finally Passed
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 943 proposes to increase the term of office for sheriff from 2 to 4 years. In addition, this proposal will be voted upon at referendum by the general electorate.

The purpose for increasing the sheriff's term to 4 years according to the Statement of Fact is to enable a sheriff to perform more efficiently. This pre-supposes that the two-year term, by itself, creates an inefficiency that cannot be overcome by any other factor. Presumably, the inefficiency results from preparing for election campaigns that occur every 2 years.