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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
LEGAL AFFAIRS
BILL SUMMARY



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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: 1540 AN ACT PERTAINING TO POLLING TIMES
ND: 106

TELOW

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED
S-162 SA TRAFTON H S

PUBLIC
CH # 277

SUMMARY:

This bill requires all polls to open between 6 am and 9 am and to remain open until 8 pm on election day. Senate Amendment "A" (S-162) exempts municipalities of less than 100 people from the opening and closing hours. These polls may close once all voters registered there have voted.

LD: 1541 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE TIME LIMIT FOR
ND: 220 TABULATING ELECTION RETURNS AND THE
REQUIREMENT FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

POULIOT
TELOW
GAUVREAU

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 226

SUMMARY:

This bill removes the 26-hour deadline for tabulating election results (the deadline to send the results to the Secretary of State still exists), and deletes the requirement that returns be tabulated in the presence of the municipal officers.

LD: 1542 AN ACT CONCERNING NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR
ND: 1127 UNENROLLED CANDIDATES

SMITH C B
WENTWORTH
SALSURY

HOUSE Conference - unable to agree
SENATE Conference - unable to agree
GOV
H-256 HA REEVES
H-310 HB REEVES
H-336 HC HANDY
S-146 SA ANDREWS

SUMMARY:

This bill would have permitted only unenrolled voters to sign petitions for candidates not running in party primaries.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-146) (Not adopted) would have reduced the number of signatures required on the petitions to make them equal with party petitions.

House Amendment "A" (H-256) (Not adopted) would have done the same as Senate Admendment "A".

House Amendment "B" (H-310) (Not adopted) would have exempted candidates for county charter commissions (do not qualify through primaries) from the unenrolled voter signature limitations and equalizes the signature numbers.

House Amendment "C" (H-336) (Not adopted) makes the same exemption as House Amendment "B" but reduces the signature requirement for presidential electors only.

LD: 1568 AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR INJURIES
CAUSED BY DRUNKEN PERSONS

CLARK N
PERKINS

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV

PUBLIC
CH #435

H-395	CA	REEVES	H	S
H-480	CA	PERRY		
H-484	CA	PERRY	H	S
S-263	CA		H	S
S-316	CA	N CLARK		

SUMMARY:

The original bill would have set limits of damages awarded to persons injured by drunk persons against sellers or givers of alcohol. It also would have established a one-year notice period as a requirement to maintain suit against the seller or giver.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-263) replaces the bill and makes sellers and givers of alcohol severally but not jointly liable for any injuries caused by a drunk person they served. It also establishes a two-year notice period.

House Amendment "A" (H-395) repeals the Act in 2 years.

House Amendment "B" (H-480) (Not adopted) prohibits liquor licensees from buying liquor from agency stores. It adds a fiscal note of an increase of \$900,000 in State revenue the first year and \$1.2 million after that.

House Amendment "C" (H-484) does the same as House Amendment "B".

LD: 1579 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF SMALL
MAINE BREWERIES

SEWALL
PERKINS

ND: 934

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 300

H-241	HA	REEVES	H	S
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SUMMARY:

This bill defines and creates a license for small Maine breweries. A small Maine brewery licensee may also operate one establishment for the sale of liquor for on-premise consumption.

House Amendment "A" (H-241) adds a fiscal note to reflect the \$500 addition to State revenues.