

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

opinion on the Senate's request for a ruling on the constitutionality of rewording the question which was initiated by citizen petition. The Justices refused to consider the question because a "solemn occasion" did not exist. See also LD 289, LD 324 and LD 347.

**LD** AN ACT PERTAINING TO SIGNING OF NOMINATION ONTP  
**121** PETITIONS

Sponsor: SMITH, Handy  
Committee Report: ONTP (Majority)  
OTP (Minority)

SUMMARY: This bill would allow only unenrolled voters to sign the nomination petitions of non-party candidates. Currently, petitions for non-party candidates can be signed by any registered voter in that district, while only party members can sign petitions for party candidates. This bill's constitutionality was questioned under the recent U. S. Supreme Court case, Tashjian v. Republican Party of Connecticut.

**LD** AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF EVICTIONS FOR CAUSE PL 1987  
**126** IN MOBILE HOME PARKS c. 66

Sponsor: BALDACCI  
Committee Report: OTP-A  
Amendments Adopted:  
S-15 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill provides a means for a mobile home park owner to serve notice of eviction for cause in cases where tenants actively avoid accepting service of notice in person or through the mail. Currently, a mobile home park owner can serve notice only by registered or certified mail. Under this bill, if a landlord has made 3 good faith efforts to serve the tenant and has failed, the landlord may mail notice to the tenant's last known address and leave a notice at the tenant's space in the park.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-15) clarifies that the 3 good faith efforts to serve the tenant must be made on 3-separate days and must be witnessed.

**LD** AN ACT RELATING TO CATERING SERVICES UNDER ND LD 1702  
**131** THE LIQUOR LAW

Sponsor: ERWIN, E., Jacques  
Committee Report: OTP-ND LD 1702

SUMMARY: See New Draft, LD 1702.