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BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1987

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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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-148) clarifies that the presence of a licensed security guard is sufficient only if local regulations or ordinances permit it.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRAFTING OF BALLOT 347 QUESTIONS

LVWD

Sponsor: GWADOSKY, Clark, N., Dutremble, D., Perkins Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would require that initiative and referendum ballot questions be drafted in such a way that a proponent of the measure would vote "Yes" and an opponent would vote "No". This bill would have deleted the requirement that the question to be voted on be on the petition before any signatures are collected. See also LD 119, LD 289, and LD 324.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ELECTION COORDINATOR FOR 373 ABSENTEE BALLOTING IN HOUSE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY

LVWD

Sponsor: RACINE, Cahill, Perry, Willey Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would require that each housing facility for the elderly appoint an election coordinator to oversee all absentee voting in the facility. The coordinator would also serve as the witness on all absentee ballots cast there. See also LD 947.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRITERIA FOR STATE 387 LICENSED LIQUOR STORES

ONTP

Sponsor: GREENLAW Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Current law prohibits the licensing of new agency liquor stores within 10 miles of an existing state liquor store or agency liquor store. This bill would allow the State Liquor Commission to license an additional agency liquor store regardless of the 10 mile restriction in municipalities of 5,000 or more population.