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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

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

LD AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGNING AT A POLLING
768 PLACE

LVWD

Sponsor: WARREN, Dillenback, Reeves
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Current law allows a candidate to attend voting places and orally communicate with voters as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence votes. This bill would prohibit the candidate from appearing at the polls except to vote. When the candidate is there to vote, he or she would not be permitted to wear any campaign pin or button, distribute literature, speak or otherwise communicate with voters.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS
771 TO OPERATE AN AGENCY STORE UNDER THE LIQUOR
LAWS

LVWD

Sponsor: ROTONDI, Murphy, E., Clark, N.
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: Current law prohibits the location of a state liquor store within 300 feet of a church or school. State Liquor Commission rules extend the prohibition to agency liquor stores as well. In addition, the law prohibits the location of an on-premise licensee within 300 feet of a church or school unless the State Liquor Commission unanimously agrees.

The purpose of this bill was to delete the prohibition on agency stores. The bill would actually remove the requirement for on-premise establishments. (This issue was addressed in LD 1842.)

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO GIVE EMPLOYEES
777 4 HOURS LEAVE ON ELECTION DAY FOR THE PURPOSE
OF VOTING

ONTP

Sponsor: BAKER, Handy
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill, requiring employers to give employees 4 consecutive hours to vote in any statewide election, was modeled on federal Canadian law. Under this bill, time to vote is to be allowed at the convenience of the employer and the employee may not be penalized or lose pay as a result of his or her absence from work during any part or all of the 4 consecutive hours allowed. An employer who interferes with the granting of the hours to vote would be subject to a forfeiture of up to \$100.