

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE NOTICE PROVISIONS  
1173 CONCERNING WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN PRIMARY  
ELECTIONS

PL 1987  
c. 146

Sponsor: WILLEY, Dillenback, Lebowitz, Clark, H.  
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: This bill requires a write-in candidate to file a written acceptance of nomination with the Secretary of State within 15 days of receiving the notice that he or she received a sufficient number of votes to be nominated. If he or she does not file a written acceptance within the time allowed, the person is disqualified and will not appear on the general election ballot.

LD AN ACT TO IMPOSE MONETARY LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN  
1181 EXPENDITURES LVWD

Sponsor: REED, Hanley, Higgins  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would limit the total dollar amount which may be spent on any one candidate's campaign for Governor, Senator or Representative to an amount which equals roughly \$1 per constituent.

LD AN ACT TO PROTECT TENANTS IN RENTAL HOUSING  
1201 LVWD

Sponsor: CONNOLLY, JR, Priest, Gauvreau, Estes  
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would amend current eviction procedures for residential tenants to more closely parallel current procedures for mobile home parks. Seven days' notice would be sufficient, as in current law, to terminate tenancies in case of nonpayment of rent, damages or nuisance. Thirty days' written notice would be sufficient for certain specified reasons. Sixty days' notice would be required in cases of renovation or when the landlord states no reason for termination of the tenancy. The bill would also provide a notice period for persons living in rooming houses and paying rent on a weekly or monthly basis.