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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

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF
1467 QUESTIONS UNDER THE LOCAL LIQUOR OPTION

PL 1987
c. 147

Sponsor: NADEAU, G.R., Strout, D.
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 55

SUMMARY: The original bill would increase the deadline for submitting local option petitions from 21 days before an election to 60 days before an election.

This New Draft amends the recodification of Title 28 (Title 28-A), and changes the deadline to 42 days before an election.

LD AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL PARTIES TO DETERMINE
1468 THE QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS IN PRIMARY
ELECTIONS

PL 1987
c. 423

Sponsor: DIAMOND, Murphy, T., Clark, N., Perkins
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 228

SUMMARY: The original bill would allow the political parties to notify the Secretary of State if they wish people other than voters enrolled on that party to participate in their party's primary election. A change is necessary to conform to the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling in Tashjian, Secretary of State of Connecticut v. Republican Party of Connecticut, et al., holding that states may not set voter enrollment eligibility standards for political parties which conduct primary elections.

This New Draft adds to the new provisions a reference to the section pertaining to enrollment. Additionally, a reference to the restrictions regarding change of enrollment is added to the new provision. Current law, which is not changed by this new draft, restricts a voter from voting at a party caucus, convention or primary within 3 months of changing enrollment status.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO BOTTLE CLUBS
1504

ONTP

Sponsor: GWADOSKY
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: Current law prohibits minors (under age 21) from entering bottle clubs unless employed there or accompanied by their parents, guardians or custodians. This bill would allow persons between the ages of 18 and 21, although technically minors, to enter bottle clubs on their own. In addition, the penalties for bottle clubs violating the law would be increased.