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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
1712

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CANDIDATES FROM RECEIVING,
WITNESSING OR ACCEPTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

PL 1987
c. 364

Sponsor: SEAVEY, Begley, Hepburn, Crowley
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1433
Amendments Adopted:
H-217 PARADIS, P.
H-245 PRIEST

SUMMARY: The original bill would make it a Class D crime for any candidate to apply for, receive, accept or witness an absentee ballot.

The New Draft makes it a Class D crime for any candidate to deliver, receive, accept, notarize or witness an absentee ballot, other than his or her own, which is furnished by the clerk of a municipality in this State. This will allow candidates to notarize out-of-state ballots.

House Amendment "A" (H-217) (not adopted) would make it a Class D crime for anyone other than a municipal employee to deliver, receive, accept, notarize or witness an absentee ballot for any compensation.

House Amendment "B" (H-245) clarifies that the only persons who may handle absentee ballots and be paid for doing so are governmental employees in the course of their official duties (municipal clerks, Secretary of State's Office, federal post office employees, etc.) and the people who handle blank ballots before the ballots are delivered to the municipality (printers, delivery people) or the voted ballots after received by the clerk (ballot counters, people who deliver ballots to the counting location).

LD
1714

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS OF
OF THE BUREAU OF LOTTERY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT
OF FINANCE

PL 1987
c. 505

Sponsor: ARMSTRONG, Murphy, T.
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-312 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This bill clarifies the operating authority and organizational intergration for the lottery in the Department of Finance. It further modifies specific rules as to suspension of licenses and penalties for certain sales violations.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-312) further clarifies the organizational status and the policy-making authority of the State Lottery Commission.