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allows the director to make disbursements directly to organizations, businesses, landlords or other entities to prevent homelessness among veterans.

LD 158 An Act to Establish a Date to Begin Voting by Absentee Ballot in the Presence of the Clerk

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 133 establishes the earliest date for voting by absentee ballot in the presence of a clerk as 30 days preceding an election during the hours when the clerk's office is open.

LD 262 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Wine and Malt Liquor to Facilitate Marketing by Wholesalers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 8 modifies the law governing taste-testing events held by malt liquor and wine wholesale licensees. Wholesale licensees may rent or lease an area from a retail licensee for the purpose of inviting retail licensees to taste test wine or malt liquor products. The law broadens a wholesale licensee's ability to hold such a taste-testing event by also allowing the wholesale licensee to rent or lease an unlicensed venue for that purpose.

Public Law 2025, chapter 8 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 21, 2025.

LD 390 An Act to Establish a Primary Election Period for Unenrolled Candidates in Order to Receive Campaign Contributions in Amounts Equal to Amounts Allowed for Enrolled Candidates in the Same Period

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 181 provides that, for the purposes of contributions by individuals, committees, corporations or associations to a candidate seeking nomination by petition, "any election," when referring to a primary election, includes the period beginning on the day after the general election for the office that candidate is seeking and ending on the day of the primary election for that office.