

STATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



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Alcoholic Beverages, Administration

Enacted	LD 494	An Act to Update and Clarify Certain Provisions of State Liquor and Lottery Laws	PUBLIC 230
	LD 683	An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Minimum Indirect Financial Interest Disclosure Requirement for Liquor Licenses	PUBLIC 21
	LD 1456	An Act to Expand the Number of On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses a Liquor Manufacturer May Be Issued	PUBLIC 87
Not Enacted	LD 684	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Liquor and Lottery Operations	ONTP
	LD 1092	An Act to Ensure That Dual Distribution Prohibitions Are Not Violated by Direct Shippers of Wine	ONTP
	LD 1354	An Act Regarding Liquor Licensing in Outdoor Stadiums and Exclusivity in Licensee Agreements	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1376	An Act to Increase the Acceptable Level of Alcohol in a Low-alcohol Spirits Product and to Increase Availability of Those Products	Died Between Houses
	LD 1754	An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers	Died Between Houses
	LD 1855	An Act to Repeal the Low-alcohol Spirits Product Tax	CARRIED OVER

Alcoholic Beverages, Regulation

Enacted	LD 262	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Wine and Malt Liquor to Facilitate Marketing by Wholesalers	PUBLIC 8
	LD 631	An Act to Allow a Home Distiller to Distill and Share Homemade Spirituous Liquor	PUBLIC 313
	LD 1033	An Act to Regulate Alcoholic Beverage Competitions	PUBLIC 315
	LD 1551	An Act to Support Maine Eating and Drinking Establishments by Allowing Vendors to Operate on the Premises of an Establishment with a Liquor License	PUBLIC 189

Not Enacted	LD 636	An Act to Remove the Limit on Free Promotional Merchandise Bars and Restaurants May Accept from Vendors	ONTP
	LD 1334	An Act to Require Retailers to Place Any Liquor That Is Accessible to Customers at Least 48 Inches from the Payment Terminal	ONTP

Campaign Finance, Generally

Enacted	LD 9	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure	PUBLIC 224
	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	PUBLIC 181
Not Enacted	LD 951	An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources	ONTP
	LD 1229	An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Campaign Finance Laws	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1350	An Act to Ban Corporate Contributions to Candidates	ONTP

Campaign Finance, Maine Clean Election Act

Enacted	LD 1787	An Act to Increase Seed Money Contribution Limits for Gubernatorial Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act	PUBLIC 296
Not Enacted	LD 118	An Act to Allow Candidates for Sheriff and District Attorney to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act	ONTP
	LD 207	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifying Contributions of Cash Under the Maine Clean Election Act	ONTP
	LD 454	An Act to Allow Candidates for Secretary of State or Attorney General to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act	ONTP
	LD 818	An Act to Allow Expenditure of Maine Clean Election Act Funding for the Care of Candidates' Dependents	CARRIED OVER
	LD 855	An Act to Limit Eligibility Under the Maine Clean Election Act	Majority (ONTP) Report

Campaign Practices

Enacted	LD 1702	An Act to Amend Election Polling Place Candidate Restrictions	PUBLIC 331
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	LD 1977	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections	PUBLIC 397
Not Enacted	LD 199	An Act to Change the Limits on Candidates' Communications with Voters at the Polls	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1690	An Act Regarding Artificial Intelligence in Campaign Advertising	ONTP

Cannabis, Adult Use

Not Enacted	LD 104	An Act to Protect the Health of Medical Cannabis Patients and Streamline the Mandatory Testing of Cannabis	ONTP
	LD 177	An Act to Create Municipal Cannabis Revenue Sharing	ONTP
	LD 302	An Act Regarding Maine's Cannabis Industry	ONTP
	LD 347	An Act to Provide Qualifying Municipalities a Percentage of Adult Use Cannabis Sales Tax and Excise Tax Revenue	ONTP
	LD 368	An Act to Address Concerns Regarding Radiation Machines and Similar Equipment Used in the Cannabis Industry	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 392	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Cannabis	ONTP
	LD 859	Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry	ONTP
	LD 903	An Act to Regulate the Advertising of Cannabis Products	ONTP
	LD 948	An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis	CARRIED OVER
	LD 959	An Act to Require the Development of Better Cannabis Testing Criteria and Processes	ONTP
	LD 1320	An Act to Prevent Illicit Cultivation and Trafficking Within Maine's Regulated Cannabis Industry	ONTP
	LD 1365	An Act to Allow Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis in Locally Approved Hospitality Lounges	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1455	An Act to Prevent Illegal Cannabis Growing Operations in the State	ONTP
	LD 1488	An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp Products	HELD BY GOVERNOR

LD 1567	An Act to Require Labeling of Radiation Treatment and Ozonation of Adult Use Cannabis and Inspection and Registration of Associated Equipment	ONTP
LD 1608	An Act to Counter Unlawful Cannabis Cultivation	ONTP
LD 1609	An Act to Prevent the Participation of Individuals and Companies Linked to Federally Recognized Criminal Organizations in the Medical and Adult Use Cannabis Programs	CARRIED OVER
LD 1620	An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Testing of Adult Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Products	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1669	An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1672	An Act to Allow Participation in the Adult Use Cannabis Tracking System to Be Voluntary	Died Between Houses
LD 1820	An Act to Simplify Regulation of the Adult Use Cannabis Industry	CARRIED OVER
LD 1831	An Act to Support Small Adult Use Cannabis Businesses by Establishing a Micro Cannabis Facility License	ONTP
LD 1847	An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group	CARRIED OVER
LD 1897	An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1983	An Act to Protect Minors from Intoxicating Hemp-derived Products by Regulating Those Products Under the Adult Use Cannabis Laws	CARRIED OVER

Cannabis, Medical Use

Not Enacted

LD 104	An Act to Protect the Health of Medical Cannabis Patients and Streamline the Mandatory Testing of Cannabis	ONTP
LD 302	An Act Regarding Maine's Cannabis Industry	ONTP
LD 392	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Cannabis	ONTP
LD 544	An Act to Create Parity in the Taxation of Medicine by Exempting Sales of Cannabis for Medical Use	Died Between Houses

LD 859	Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry	ONTP
LD 903	An Act to Regulate the Advertising of Cannabis Products	ONTP
LD 929	An Act to Increase Access to Medical Cannabis for Seniors and Veterans	ONTP
LD 948	An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis	CARRIED OVER
LD 1038	An Act to Increase the Maximum Term of a Medical Cannabis Written Certification to 2 Years	ONTP
LD 1320	An Act to Prevent Illicit Cultivation and Trafficking Within Maine's Regulated Cannabis Industry	ONTP
LD 1455	An Act to Prevent Illegal Cannabis Growing Operations in the State	ONTP
LD 1559	An Act to Authorize Medical Cannabis Farmers' Markets	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1608	An Act to Counter Unlawful Cannabis Cultivation	ONTP
LD 1609	An Act to Prevent the Participation of Individuals and Companies Linked to Federally Recognized Criminal Organizations in the Medical and Adult Use Cannabis Programs	CARRIED OVER
LD 1669	An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1717	An Act Regarding Background Checks for Medical Cannabis Providers	ONTP
LD 1840	An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 1847	An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group	CARRIED OVER
LD 1897	An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries	HELD BY GOVERNOR

Elections, Absentee Voting

Enacted	LD 158	An Act to Establish a Date to Begin Voting by Absentee Ballot in the Presence of the Clerk	PUBLIC 133
	LD 1148	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Study Providing Access to Absentee Ballots for Municipal Elections to Uniformed Service Voters or Overseas Voters in the Same Manner as Absentee Ballots for Statewide Elections	RESOLVE 43
	LD 1977	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections	PUBLIC 397
Not Enacted	LD 718	An Act to Require Municipal Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots Only to Residents of That Municipality and to Eliminate Ongoing Absentee Voter Status	ONTP
	LD 1527	An Act to Require Postage Prepaid Envelopes Be Provided for the Return of Absentee Ballots	ONTP

Elections, Ballot Qualifications

Enacted	LD 1977	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections	PUBLIC 397
Not Enacted	LD 309	An Act to Allow a Political Party to Determine How That Party's Nominee Is Selected in a Primary Election	Majority (ONTP) Report

Elections, Conduct of Elections

Enacted	LD 600	An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections	PUBLIC 114
	LD 911	An Act to Clarify Procedures for When a Candidate Withdraws from an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting or When a Candidate Dies or Becomes Disqualified in an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting	PUBLIC 363
	LD 1977	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections	PUBLIC 397
Not Enacted	LD 13	An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State	CARRIED OVER
	LD 234	An Act to Eliminate Ranked-choice Voting	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 252	An Act to Withdraw from the National Popular Vote Compact	Died Between Houses

LD 313	An Act to Improve Voter Confidence in Electronic Ballot Counting by Requiring Ballots to Contain Unique Identifiers	ONTP
LD 615	An Act Regarding Elections	CARRIED OVER
LD 656	An Act to Save Tax Dollars in Maine's Elections by Amending the Laws Governing When a Ranked-choice Voting Count Must Be Conducted	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 668	An Act to Abolish Ranked-choice Voting	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1289	An Act to Amend the Election Recount Process	ONTP
LD 1356	An Act to Change the State's Method of Allocating Electoral Votes from a Congressional District Method to a Winner-take-all Method Contingent on the State of Nebraska Changing its Method of Allocating Electoral Votes	CARRIED OVER
LD 1373	An Act to Repeal the National Popular Vote Compact	ONTP
LD 1381	An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Designate Law Enforcement Officers Employed by the Department of the Secretary of State to Investigate Alleged Violations of Election Laws	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1422	An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting	ONTP
LD 1666	An Act to Include in the Ranked-choice Election Method for General and Special Elections the Offices of Governor, State Senator and State Representative and to Make Other Related Changes	CARRIED OVER

Elections, Initiatives, People's Vetoes and Referenda

**Not
Enacted**

LD 1116	An Act to Protect the Constitutional Rights of Petition Circulators	ONTP
LD 1685	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning the Direct Initiative Process	ONTP

Elections, Voter Qualifications and Registration

Enacted

LD 1977	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections	PUBLIC 397
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**Not
Enacted**

LD 38	An Act Requiring Photographic Identification for Voting	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 175	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Ensure That Only Citizens of the United States May Participate in Elections	ONTP

LD 266	An Act to Require the Updating of Voter Registration Signatures	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 349	An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 397	An Act to Require a Voter to Show Photographic Identification	ONTP
LD 1149	An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	ONTP
LD 1431	An Act to Implement an Interstate Voter Registration Cross-check Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1437	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors in State and Local Elections	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1446	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age	ONTP
LD 1880	An Act to Require Photographic Identification for Voting	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

Gambling, Beano and Games of Chance

Enacted

LD 863	An Act to Allow a Person or Organization Conducting a Raffle to Use an Approved Payment Management System	PUBLIC 222
LD 1490	An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Sell Progressive Sealed Ticket Games and to Offer Partner-assisted Beano	PUBLIC 424

Not Enacted

LD 835	An Act to Allow Children to Participate in Beano Games Conducted by Nonprofit Charitable Organizations	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1086	An Act to Remove State Requirements for Nonprofits on Raffles and Internet Raffles with Prizes of \$2,500 or Less	ONTP
LD 1838	An Act to Provide Opportunities and Sustainable Revenue for Maine Farms, Agricultural Fairs, Wabanaki Tribes and Veterans' Homes	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1902	An Act to Support Nonprofit Organizations by Authorizing the Operation of Electronic Lucky Seven Devices and Similar Sealed Ticket Games	CARRIED OVER

Gambling, Casinos and Slot Machines

Not Enacted	LD 1164	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for the Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 1851	An Act to Bring Parity Among the Wabanaki Nations Regarding the Generation of Revenues from Gaming	CARRIED OVER

Gambling, Harness Racing and Off-track Betting

Enacted	LD 1188	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Facilities Approved by the State Harness Racing Commission to Sell Pari-mutuel Pools and Common Pari-mutuel Pools for Simulcast Racing	PUBLIC 281
Not Enacted	LD 793	Resolve, to Establish the Working Group to Review and Update the Laws Governing Harness Racing	CARRIED OVER

Gambling, Lottery

Enacted	LD 404	An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Certain Lottery Winner Identities	PUBLIC 74
	LD 494	An Act to Update and Clarify Certain Provisions of State Liquor and Lottery Laws	PUBLIC 230
Not Enacted	LD 213	An Act to Increase the Sales Commission of Retailers Selling Lottery Tickets	Died Between Houses
	LD 684	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Liquor and Lottery Operations	ONTP
	LD 1012	An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 1434	An Act to Allow Veterans' Organizations and Fraternal Organizations to Obtain a License to Operate the Draw Game Keno	ONTP

Gambling, Sports and Fantasy Contests

Enacted	LD 33	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests	PUBLIC 95
Not Enacted	LD 811	An Act to Require a Municipal Public Hearing and Vote Before a Sports Wagering Facility May Be Established	ONTP

	LD 1862 An Act to Provide That Authority over In-person Sports Betting Resides Solely with the Gambling Control Board	ONTP
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Legislative Ethics

Not Enacted	LD 1415 An Act to Expand Reporting Requirements for Legislators and Lobbyists	ONTP
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Lobbying and Lobbyist Regulation

Enacted	LD 1576 An Act to Extend a One-year Lobbying Prohibition to Partisan and Nonpartisan Staff of the Legislature	PUBLIC 185
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Not Enacted	LD 1415 An Act to Expand Reporting Requirements for Legislators and Lobbyists	ONTP
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	LD 1814 An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Amending Laws Regarding Persons Attempting to Influence the Competitive Bidding Process and Lobbyist Reporting During Rule-making Processes	CARRIED OVER
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Maine National Guard

Enacted	LD 57 An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice	PUBLIC 97
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	LD 108 An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention	PUBLIC 131
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	LD 662 An Act to Support Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma and Active Duty Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life	PUBLIC 368
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	LD 665 An Act Regarding the Use of Military Protective Orders in Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Proceedings	PUBLIC 90
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Not Enacted	LD 265 An Act to Prohibit the Maine National Guard from Combat Deployment Absent an Act of the United States Congress	Majority (ONTP) Report
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	LD 620 An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine	Died On Adjournment
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Miscellaneous

Not Enacted	LD 548	An Act Regarding Intoxicating Hemp Products	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1983	An Act to Protect Minors from Intoxicating Hemp-derived Products by Regulating Those Products Under the Adult Use Cannabis Laws	CARRIED OVER

Office of Cannabis Policy

Not Enacted	LD 584	An Act to Make the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy an Appointed Position Subject to Confirmation by the Legislature	CARRIED OVER
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Veterans

Enacted	LD 58	An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services	PUBLIC 98
	LD 126	An Act to Expand the Use of the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund	PUBLIC 57
	LD 662	An Act to Support Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma and Active Duty Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life	PUBLIC 368
Not Enacted	LD 620	An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine	Died On Adjournment
	LD 1640	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	CARRIED OVER

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Joint Standing Committee on Veteran and Legal Affairs

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VLA	9	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	224		S1
VLA	13	An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
VLA	33	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	5/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	95		S1
VLA	38	An Act Requiring Photographic Identification for Voting	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/4/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	57	An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice	Fredette, Kenneth	OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	97		S1
VLA	58	An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services	Supica, Laura	OTP	5/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	98		S1
VLA	104	An Act to Protect the Health of Medical Cannabis Patients and Streamline the Mandatory Testing of Cannabis	Malon, II, Marc	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	108	An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention	Rielly, Morgan	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	5/14/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	131		S1
VLA	118	An Act to Allow Candidates for Sheriff and District Attorney to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act	Bennett, Richard	ONTP	3/17/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	126	An Act to Expand the Use of the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	4/15/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	57		S1
VLA	158	An Act to Establish a Date to Begin Voting by Absentee Ballot in the Presence of the Clerk	Parry, Wayne	OTP-AM	5/13/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	133		S1

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VLA	175	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Ensure That Only Citizens of the United States May Participate in Elections	Libby, Laurel	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	177	An Act to Create Municipal Cannabis Revenue Sharing	Adams, Jeffrey	ONTP	3/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	199	An Act to Change the Limits on Candidates' Communications with Voters at the Polls	Libby, James	ONTP/OTP	3/12/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				R1
VLA	207	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifying Contributions of Cash Under the Maine Clean Election Act	Bennett, Richard	ONTP	3/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	213	An Act to Increase the Sales Commission of Retailers Selling Lottery Tickets	Chapman, Quentin	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/15/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	234	An Act to Eliminate Ranked-choice Voting	Campbell, Dick	ONTP/OTP	3/17/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	252	An Act to Withdraw from the National Popular Vote Compact	Bagshaw, Barbara	OTP/ONTP	5/15/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	262	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Wine and Malt Liquor to Facilitate Marketing by Wholesalers	Crockett, Ed	OTP	3/12/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	8		R1
VLA	265	An Act to Prohibit the Maine National Guard from Combat Deployment Absent an Act of the United States Congress	Hymes, Benjamin	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/23/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	266	An Act to Require the Updating of Voter Registration Signatures	Smith, Katrina	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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VLA	302	An Act Regarding Maine's Cannabis Industry	Boyer, Jr., David	ONTP	5/15/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	309	An Act to Allow a Political Party to Determine How That Party's Nominee Is Selected in a Primary Election	Boyer, Jr., David	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	313	An Act to Improve Voter Confidence in Electronic Ballot Counting by Requiring Ballots to Contain Unique Identifiers	Foster, Steven	ONTP	3/17/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	347	An Act to Provide Qualifying Municipalities a Percentage of Adult Use Cannabis Sales Tax and Excise Tax Revenue	Lee, Adam	ONTP	5/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	349	An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration	Bagshaw, Barbara	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	368	An Act to Address Concerns Regarding Radiation Machines and Similar Equipment Used in the Cannabis Industry	Hickman, Craig	LTW	4/7/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	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	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	181		S1
VLA	392	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Cannabis	Hickman, Craig	ONTP	5/15/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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VLA	397	An Act to Require a Voter to Show Photographic Identification	Paul, Reagan	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	404	An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Certain Lottery Winner Identities	Dill, Jim	OTP-AM	5/1/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	74		S1
VLA	454	An Act to Allow Candidates for Secretary of State or Attorney General to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	3/17/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	494	An Act to Update and Clarify Certain Provisions of State Liquor and Lottery Laws	Supica, Laura	OTP-AM	5/28/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	230		S1
VLA	544	An Act to Create Parity in the Taxation of Medicine by Exempting Sales of Cannabis for Medical Use	Fredericks, Ann	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/30/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	548	An Act Regarding Intoxicating Hemp Products	Pierce, Teresa	LTW	2/25/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	584	An Act to Make the Director of the Office of Cannabis Policy an Appointed Position Subject to Confirmation by the Legislature	Hickman, Craig		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
VLA	600	An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections	Malon, II, Marc	OTP-AM	5/12/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	114		S1
VLA	615	An Act Regarding Elections	Gramlich, Lori		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
VLA	620	An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine	Terry, Parnell	OTP-AM	4/8/2025		Died On Adjournment				S1
VLA	631	An Act to Allow a Home Distiller to Distill and Share Homemade Spirituous Liquor	Schmersal-Burgess, Tammy	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/27/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	313		S1
VLA	636	An Act to Remove the Limit on Free Promotional Merchandise Bars and Restaurants May Accept from Vendors	Ardell, Donald	ONTP	4/7/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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VLA	656	An Act to Save Tax Dollars in Maine's Elections by Amending the Laws Governing When a Ranked-choice Voting Count Must Be Conducted	Boyer, Jr., David	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	662	An Act to Support Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma and Active Duty Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life	Rielly, Morgan	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	368		S1
VLA	665	An Act Regarding the Use of Military Protective Orders in Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Proceedings	Rielly, Morgan	OTP-AM	5/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	90		S1
VLA	668	An Act to Abolish Ranked-choice Voting	Underwood, Joseph	LTW	3/11/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	683	An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Minimum Indirect Financial Interest Disclosure Requirement for Liquor Licenses	Hickman, Craig	OTP	3/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	21		S1
VLA	684	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Liquor and Lottery Operations	Hickman, Craig	ONTP	5/15/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	718	An Act to Require Municipal Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots Only to Residents of That Municipality and to Eliminate Ongoing Absentee Voter Status	Adams, Jeffrey	ONTP	3/17/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	793	Resolve, to Establish the Working Group to Review and Update the Laws Governing Harness Racing	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	6/12/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1
VLA	811	An Act to Require a Municipal Public Hearing and Vote Before a Sports Wagering Facility May Be Established	Brennan, Michael	ONTP	3/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	818	An Act to Allow Expenditure of Maine Clean Election Act Funding for the Care of Candidates' Dependents	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP/ONTP	3/20/2025	Carried Over					S1

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VLA	835	An Act to Allow Children to Participate in Beano Games Conducted by Nonprofit Charitable Organizations	Bernard, Sue	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	855	An Act to Limit Eligibility Under the Maine Clean Election Act	Boyer, Jr., David	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	859	Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry	Cluchey, Sally	ONTP	4/1/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	863	An Act to Allow a Person or Organization Conducting a Raffle to Use an Approved Payment Management System	White, James	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	222		S1
VLA	903	An Act to Regulate the Advertising of Cannabis Products	Cyrway, Scott	ONTP	4/1/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	911	An Act to Clarify Procedures for When a Candidate Withdraws from an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting or When a Candidate Dies or Becomes Disqualified in an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/10/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	363		S1
VLA	929	An Act to Increase Access to Medical Cannabis for Seniors and Veterans	Osher, Laurie	ONTP	4/1/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	948	An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM	6/13/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
VLA	951	An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources	Bennett, Richard	ONTP	4/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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VLA	959	An Act to Require the Development of Better Cannabis Testing Criteria and Processes	Fredericks, Ann	ONTP	5/15/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1012	An Act to Fund the Operations of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Tick Laboratory	Farrin, Brad	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/30/2025		Held by Governor				S1
VLA	1033	An Act to Regulate Alcoholic Beverage Competitions	Shagoury, Daniel	OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	315		S1
VLA	1038	An Act to Increase the Maximum Term of a Medical Cannabis Written Certification to 2 Years	Boyer, Jr., David	ONTP	4/1/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1086	An Act to Remove State Requirements for Nonprofits on Raffles and Internet Raffles with Prizes of \$2,500 or Less	Ardell, Donald	ONTP	4/1/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1092	An Act to Ensure That Dual Distribution Prohibitions Are Not Violated by Direct Shippers of Wine	Chapman, Quentin	ONTP	4/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1116	An Act to Protect the Constitutional Rights of Petition Circulators	Lookner, Grayson	ONTP	5/15/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1148	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Study Providing Access to Absentee Ballots for Municipal Elections to Uniformed Service Voters or Overseas Voters in the Same Manner as Absentee Ballots for Statewide Elections	Shagoury, Daniel	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/15/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	43		S1
VLA	1149	An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting		ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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VLA	1164	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for the Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming	Rana, Ambureen	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/30/2025		Held by Governor				S1
VLA	1188	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Facilities Approved by the State Harness Racing Commission to Sell Pari-mutuel Pools and Common Pari-mutuel Pools for Simulcast Racing	Cooper, Mark	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	281		S1
VLA	1229	An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Campaign Finance Laws	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Died On Adjournment				S1
VLA	1289	An Act to Amend the Election Recount Process	Pierce, Teresa	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1320	An Act to Prevent Illicit Cultivation and Trafficking Within Maine's Regulated Cannabis Industry	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1334	An Act to Require Retailers to Place Any Liquor That Is Accessible to Customers at Least 48 Inches from the Payment Terminal	Bishop, Steven	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1350	An Act to Ban Corporate Contributions to Candidates	Tipping, Michael	ONTP	4/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1354	An Act Regarding Liquor Licensing in Outdoor Stadiums and Exclusivity in Licensee Agreements	Supica, Laura	LTW	5/7/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1356	An Act to Change the State's Method of Allocating Electoral Votes from a Congressional District Method to a Winner-take-all Method Contingent on the State of Nebraska Changing its Method of Allocating Electoral Votes	Lee, Adam	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/28/2025	Carried Over					S1

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VLA	1365	An Act to Allow Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis in Locally Approved Hospitality Lounges	Boyer, Jr., David		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
VLA	1373	An Act to Repeal the National Popular Vote Compact	Fredette, Kenneth	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1376	An Act to Increase the Acceptable Level of Alcohol in a Low-alcohol Spirits Product and to Increase Availability of Those Products	Hickman, Craig	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	1381	An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Designate Law Enforcement Officers Employed by the Department of the Secretary of State to Investigate Alleged Violations of Election Laws	Supica, Laura	LTW	4/7/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1415	An Act to Expand Reporting Requirements for Legislators and Lobbyists	Haggan, David	ONTP	5/15/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1422	An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1431	An Act to Implement an Interstate Voter Registration Cross-check Program	Bagshaw, Barbara	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1434	An Act to Allow Veterans' Organizations and Fraternal Organizations to Obtain a License to Operate the Draw Game Keno	Archer, Marshall	ONTP	4/28/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1437	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors in State and Local Elections	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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VLA	1446	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age	Hickman, Craig	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1455	An Act to Prevent Illegal Cannabis Growing Operations in the State	Cyrway, Scott	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1456	An Act to Expand the Number of On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses a Liquor Manufacturer May Be Issued	Daughtry, Matthea	OTP-AM	5/12/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	87		S1
VLA	1488	An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp Products	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2025		Held by Governor				S1
VLA	1490	An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Sell Progressive Sealed Ticket Games and to Offer Partner-assisted Beano	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM	6/6/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	424		S1
VLA	1527	An Act to Require Postage Prepaid Envelopes Be Provided for the Return of Absentee Ballots	Bennett, Richard	ONTP	4/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1551	An Act to Support Maine Eating and Drinking Establishments by Allowing Vendors to Operate on the Premises of an Establishment with a Liquor License	Timberlake, Jeff	OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	189		S1
VLA	1559	An Act to Authorize Medical Cannabis Farmers' Markets	Chapman, Quentin	LTW	4/30/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1567	An Act to Require Labeling of Radiation Treatment and Ozonation of Adult Use Cannabis and Inspection and Registration of Associated Equipment	Boyer, Jr., David	ONTP	5/16/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1576	An Act to Extend a One-year Lobbying Prohibition to Partisan and Nonpartisan Staff of the Legislature	Rielly, Morgan	OTP/ONTP	5/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	185		S1

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VLA	1608	An Act to Counter Unlawful Cannabis Cultivation	Perkins, Chad	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1609	An Act to Prevent the Participation of Individuals and Companies Linked to Federally Recognized Criminal Organizations in the Medical and Adult Use Cannabis Programs	Fredericks, Ann		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
VLA	1620	An Act to Amend the Laws Regulating the Testing of Adult Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Products	Boyer, Jr., David	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/9/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1640	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	6/11/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
VLA	1666	An Act to Include in the Ranked-choice Election Method for General and Special Elections the Offices of Governor, State Senator and State Representative and to Make Other Related Changes	Reny, Cameron		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
VLA	1669	An Act to Establish the Cannabis Advisory Council	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	6/12/2025		Held by Governor				S1
VLA	1672	An Act to Allow Participation in the Adult Use Cannabis Tracking System to Be Voluntary	Boyer, Jr., David	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	1685	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning the Direct Initiative Process	Collamore, Amanda	ONTP	4/29/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1690	An Act Regarding Artificial Intelligence in Campaign Advertising	Kuhn, Amy	ONTP	5/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1702	An Act to Amend Election Polling Place Candidate Restrictions	Cooper, Mark	OTP-AM	6/10/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	331		S1

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VLA	1717	An Act Regarding Background Checks for Medical Cannabis Providers	Harrington, Matthew	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1754	An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/30/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	1787	An Act to Increase Seed Money Contribution Limits for Gubernatorial Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	296		S1
VLA	1814	An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Amending Laws Regarding Persons Attempting to Influence the Competitive Bidding Process and Lobbyist Reporting During Rule-making Processes	Hickman, Craig		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
VLA	1820	An Act to Simplify Regulation of the Adult Use Cannabis Industry	Chapman, Quentin	OTP-AM	6/11/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
VLA	1831	An Act to Support Small Adult Use Cannabis Businesses by Establishing a Micro Cannabis Facility License	Boyer, Jr., David	ONTP	5/27/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1838	An Act to Provide Opportunities and Sustainable Revenue for Maine Farms, Agricultural Fairs, Wabanaki Tribes and Veterans' Homes	Farrin, Brad	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/11/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1840	An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	6/12/2025		Held by Governor				S1
VLA	1847	An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group	Graham, Anne		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
VLA	1851	An Act to Bring Parity Among the Wabanaki Nations Regarding the Generation of Revenues from Gaming	Malon, II, Marc		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
VLA	1855	An Act to Repeal the Low-alcohol Spirits Product Tax	Dill, Jim	OTP-AM	5/27/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1

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VLA	1862	An Act to Provide That Authority over In-person Sports Betting Resides Solely with the Gambling Control Board	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	5/15/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1880	An Act to Require Photographic Identification for Voting	Libby, Laurel	LTW	5/7/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1897	An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries	Osher, Laurie	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/13/2025		Held by Governor				S1
VLA	1902	An Act to Support Nonprofit Organizations by Authorizing the Operation of Electronic Lucky Seven Devices and Similar Sealed Ticket Games	Hickman, Craig		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
VLA	1977	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections	Hickman, Craig	OTP-AM	6/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	397		S1
VLA	1983	An Act to Protect Minors from Intoxicating Hemp-derived Products by Regulating Those Products Under the Adult Use Cannabis Laws	Ingwersen, Henry		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1

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LD 9 An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 224 updates campaign finance disclosure laws as follows.

1. It defines “public communication” to clarify which types of communications to voters must disclose the person who financed the communication and require the filing of an independent expenditure report.
2. It makes technical adjustments to references to cable television and broadcast television to include satellite systems in order to reflect the language in the definition of “public communication.”
3. It authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Elections Practices to assess a penalty of up to five times the amount of the contribution when a person has made a contribution in the name of another or knowingly permitted the person’s name to be used to effect such a contribution.
4. It eliminates from the definition of “contribution” in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1012 a contract, promise or agreement to give money or something of value to influence an election, which also affects cross-references to that term in Title 1 regarding legislative ethics and Title 3 regarding lobbyist disclosure procedures.
5. It makes a technical correction to continue to include reports filed by ballot question committees in the prohibition on the use, for any commercial purpose, of information concerning contributors contained in that report.
6. It changes the requirements for when the top three funders statement is necessary for public communications funded by an entity making an independent expenditure. Prior to the enactment of Public Law 2025, chapter 224, for cable television, broadcast television or Internet video communication 30 seconds or less in duration, the audible statement may be modified to include only the single top funder. Public Law 2025, chapter 224 increases the communication duration to 60 seconds or less and removes the requirement that any audible statement be included on such communications. A written statement is still required.
7. It amends the requirements for any public communication consisting of an audio broadcast of 30 seconds or less or a print communication of 20 square inches or less to increase the audio duration to 60 seconds and to remove the requirement that a statement including the single highest funder be included on such communications.
8. It requires that the website of a candidate, party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee that advocates for or against a candidate or ballot question must identify the person who financed the website.

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9. It authorizes county and municipal candidates, and legislative candidates in a primary election, to make an online affirmation that they will not receive contributions or make expenditures to promote their elections in order to obtain an exemption from campaign finance reporting.
10. It requires the commission to send two written notices by regular mail and e-mail before initiating any penalty proceeding when a committee or other person fails to file a campaign finance report.
11. It eliminates the requirement for the commission to post a public list of candidates and political committees that have filed campaign finance reports late.
12. It clarifies that an organization that receives contributions or makes expenditures exceeding \$5,000 to influence a municipal referendum in a town or city with a population of less than 15,000 must register and file campaign finance reports with the commission.
13. It requires text messages transmitted with the assistance of mass distribution technology that expressly advocate for or against a ballot question to disclose the name of the person that financed the messages when that person has spent more than \$500 on the messaging campaign.
14. It requires account statements maintained by political action committees and ballot question committees to cover the financial activity in the committee's campaign account generally, not just the committee's deposits.
15. It clarifies that state campaign finance law applies to the financial activities of candidates, party committees, political action committees and others to influence elections for municipal office in towns and cities with a population of 15,000 or more.
16. It clarifies that disclaimer, record-keeping and other requirements in state campaign finance law pertaining to ballot question elections apply to municipal referenda and initiatives.
17. It exempts certain telephone calls from the requirements applicable to political communications.
18. It removes certain notices that the commission is required to provide when certain reports have not been filed.

LD 33 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 95 updates the definition of “fantasy contest” to mean a game or contest in which two or more contestants, none of which may be the fantasy contest operator, pay an entry fee to participate. It also provides that the director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety collects for deposit to the General Fund 10% of gross fantasy contest

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revenues, including any revenue earned while operating pending approval of an application, regardless of the amount of the fantasy contest operator's revenues.

LD 57 An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 97 makes several changes that enable Maine National Guard commanders to more efficiently effect disciplinary measures through the Maine Code of Military Justice.

LD 58 An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 98 changes the titles of positions that must be filled by veterans that may be employed by the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to more closely align with current human resources job descriptions. It also adds several positions to the list of positions in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services that must be filled by veterans and corrects a cross-reference.

LD 108 An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 131 allows the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services to release information regarding a deceased person's military service to the Department of the Attorney General, Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the purposes of suicide reporting and prevention.

LD 126 An Act to Expand the Use of the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 57 removes the requirement for the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a program of partnerships with human services-based volunteer organizations in order to make disbursements from the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund. The law

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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.

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LD 404 An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Certain Lottery Winner Identities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 74 provides that the identity of a person awarded a lottery prize of \$100,000 or more and the identity of a person who is a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 90-B awarded a lottery prize of any amount are confidential unless the person awarded such a prize provides written authorization to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations allowing the disclosure of that person's identity. The law authorizes the bureau to disclose the identity of the person to another state agency for purposes authorized under state and federal law and prohibits that state agency from further disclosing the person's identity.

LD 494 An Act to Update and Clarify Certain Provisions of State Liquor and Lottery Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 230 makes multiple changes to the laws governing certain requirements and license provisions administered by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

1. It creates a new license type for agency liquor stores that are purveyors of spirits.
2. It amends the definition of "vessel" by reducing the minimum number of passengers a ship must have to be considered a vessel for liquor licensing purposes.
3. It adds licensed restaurants to the entities eligible for an off-premises catering license.
4. It removes the requirement that premises holding both an on-premises restaurant or Class A restaurant license and an off-premises retail license must sell food with the purchase of an alcoholic beverage. Instead, the law requires that food be available for free or purchase at all times that liquor is sold for on-premises consumption.
5. It authorizes licensees licensed to sell malt liquor for on-premises or off-premises consumption to also sell low-alcohol spirits products. It also authorizes a licensed in-state wholesaler of malt liquor to sell and distribute low-alcohol spirits products.
6. It authorizes reselling agents to sell fortified wine to retail licensees for on-premises consumption.
7. It allows a manufacturer's designated broker to place mail-in rebates on spirits products.
8. It creates statutory consistency within license types for auditoriums, civic auditoriums, outdoor stadiums and performing arts centers.

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9. It provides that, in order to receive a liquor license, a hotel must have a minimum of four guest rooms and be licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services. It authorizes licensed hotels to permit consumers to transport liquor to individual guest rooms.
10. It amends the bureau's annual reporting requirements to provide statements regarding lottery operations and liquor licensing operations for the preceding fiscal year rather than the calendar year.
11. It provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, a licensee or an applicant for a license may not receive, directly or indirectly, cash or gift cards in any amount. It prohibits the bureau from imposing a limit on the amount of things of value that are in use by a licensee at any one time, as long as the thing of value was given to a licensee in accordance with the law.
12. It allows a wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder, including on behalf of a brand the wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder supplies or manufactures, to enter into advertising and sponsorship agreements with licensed venues. It defines "brand" as a product name of malt liquor, wine or spirit authorized for sale in the State by a wholesale licensee or certificate of approval holder. It authorizes naming rights, event sponsorships and co-branded promotions under specified conditions, including reporting requirements, written agreements and safeguards to ensure availability of competing products.
13. It clarifies the ability for restaurants to serve canned cocktails.
14. It amends the section of law governing signage restrictions for liquor licensees.

Public Law 2025, chapter 230 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

LD 600 An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 114 requires the Secretary of State to automatically initiate a recount when there is an apparent tie vote in an election. It allows any candidate other than the apparent winner to file a request for a recount with the Secretary of State. It requires the municipal clerk to automatically initiate a recount in the case of a tie vote when a secret ballot is used for the election of town officials or for municipal referenda elections at a town meeting.

LD 631 An Act to Allow a Home Distiller to Distill and Share Homemade Spirituous Liquor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 313 allows the owner of a home distillery to produce distilled spirits solely for personal use, including, but not limited to, personal consumption or serving the product

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to the owner's family members and guests to be consumed on the premises where the home distillery is located.

The law prohibits the owner of a home distillery from having on the premises stills or distilling apparatuses that have a mash capacity of more than 15.5 gallons; producing in a calendar year more than 24 gallons of distilled spirits per person 21 years of age or older residing on the premises where the home distillery is located; producing more than 48 gallons in a calendar year; or selling or offering for sale any spirits produced in the home distillery. It specifies that a violation of these provisions is a Class E crime.

LD 662 An Act to Support Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma and Active Duty Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 368 does the following.

1. It provides an ongoing annual transfer of \$200,000 from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund to the Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund established within the Department of Economic and Community Development to support organizations in the State that conduct outreach and provide support services to active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to civilian life.
2. It creates the Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Program within the Department of Health and Human Services to assist organizations in the State that provide housing and support services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma.
3. It provides an ongoing annual transfer of \$285,000 from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund to the Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund established within the Department of Health and Human Services to support organizations in the State that provide housing and support services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma.
4. It modifies the provision of law governing the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund to allow the fund to be used for these purposes.

Public Law 2025, chapter 368 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 19, 2025.

LD 665 An Act Regarding the Use of Military Protective Orders in Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Proceedings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 90 defines "military protective order" as a protection order given by a military commanding officer against a service member under the officer's command. The law

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provides that the court may consider the existence of a military protective order when determining whether to grant a request for a temporary protection order in protection from abuse and protection from harassment hearings.

LD 683 An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Minimum Indirect Financial Interest Disclosure Requirement for Liquor Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 21 clarifies that an applicant for a liquor license or certificate of approval need only disclose a person with an indirect financial interest equal to or greater than 10% in the applicant.

LD 863 An Act to Allow a Person or Organization Conducting a Raffle to Use an Approved Payment Management System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 222 authorizes a person or organization conducting a raffle that is not an Internet raffle to use a payment management system approved by the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety for accepting payment for a raffle chance or ticket.

LD 911 An Act to Clarify Procedures for When a Candidate Withdraws from an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting or When a Candidate Dies or Becomes Disqualified in an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 363 provides that if a candidate dies or becomes disqualified less than 70 days before a primary election determined by ranked-choice voting or withdraws less than 70 days before a primary or general election determined by ranked-choice voting, the election remains an election determined by ranked-choice voting regardless of the number of remaining qualified candidates. It also specifies that a ranking, which means the number assigned on a ballot by a voter to a candidate to express the voter's preference for that candidate, will only be considered a ranking for the purpose of determining whether the ballot is exhausted for the purposes of the ranked-choice voting count. A candidate who has withdrawn, died or become disqualified cannot be determined the winner of the election.

The law also defines "excluded candidate" to mean a candidate who is listed on the ballot or has qualified as a declared write-in candidate, but has died, been disqualified or withdrawn less than 70 days before the election. It also amends the ranked-choice voting procedures to clarify when a

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candidate is declared the winner of an election determined by ranked-choice voting and the procedures in an election determined by ranked-choice voting involving an excluded candidate.

LD 1033 An Act to Regulate Alcoholic Beverage Competitions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 315 authorizes one or more certificate of approval holders that are manufacturers to apply for a permit to host a liquor judging competition event subject to conditions. The law provides that a certificate of approval holder issued a liquor judging competition event permit may charge a fee for participation in a competition event and the competition event is not required to occur on premises licensed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

The law also specifies that only judges and stewards may taste liquor entries in a liquor judging competition event; homemade spirits may not be entered into a liquor judging competition event; and liquor may not be sold or offered for sale at a liquor judging competition event. It authorizes the bureau to adopt rules to administer the law regulating liquor judging competition events. It also defines “homemade liquor” to mean malt liquor, wine or hard cider made by a person’s own efforts in the person’s home for personal use that is not offered for sale and that does not contain added spirits.

LD 1148 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Study Providing Access to Absentee Ballots for Municipal Elections to Uniformed Service Voters or Overseas Voters in the Same Manner as Absentee Ballots for Statewide Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 43 directs the Department of the Secretary of State to study the feasibility of and methods for providing digital access to and receipt of local absentee ballots for uniformed service voters or overseas voters from a municipality holding an election on the same date as a statewide election. The department must also update its publicly accessible website and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act absentee ballot retrieval service portal to include information explaining that local absentee ballots are not included as a part of this service and that a uniformed service voter or overseas voter must obtain absentee ballots for local elections from the voter’s municipality of residence. The department must provide contact information for each municipality on its website.

The Secretary of State shall submit a report of the findings, including recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by December 3, 2025. The report must also include an update on the changes to the website and the portal. The committee may report out legislation related to the report in the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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LD 1188 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Facilities Approved by the State Harness Racing Commission to Sell Pari-mutuel Pools and Common Pari-mutuel Pools for Simulcast Racing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 281 removes the statutory repeal date from the provision authorizing the State Harness Racing Commission to approve a facility for the sale of pari-mutuel pools and common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races by a person licensed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 271 to conduct harness horse racing with pari-mutuel betting.

The law provides that the State Harness Racing Commission may approve a facility already approved by the commission to sell pari-mutuel pools and common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races at that facility even if the track where the races are conducted is no longer in the county where the facility is located, as long as the track location meets certain criteria. The track must be located within a county contiguous to the county where the original commercial track conducted races, may not be located within the same county as a casino and may not be located within the same municipality as an off-track betting facility or in a municipality contiguous to a municipality with an off-track betting facility.

The law also provides that the State Harness Racing Commission may provisionally approve a facility that has applied for approval from the municipal officers of the municipality in which the facility is located if that application is awaiting a decision. Provisional approval is valid only through December 31, 2025, or until such time as municipal approval is received or denied, whichever is sooner. A facility operating under provisional approval must cease all operations related to the provisional approval on the date the facility's application for municipal approval is denied or on December 31, 2025, whichever occurs first.

Public Law 2025, chapter 281 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2025.

LD 1456 An Act to Expand the Number of On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses a Liquor Manufacturer May Be Issued

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 87 expands from one to three the number of on-premises retail liquor licensees a person or persons who hold a majority ownership interest in a manufacturing licensee may hold no less than a majority ownership interest in. The on-premises retail locations may be at the manufacturing facility or other locations. If a person or persons hold a majority ownership interest in two or more manufacturing licensees that collectively manufacture at least 1,000 barrels per year, the person or persons may hold no less than a majority ownership interest in up to six on-premises retail licensees. The law limits a person or persons who hold a majority ownership interest in one or more manufacturing licensees to holding an ownership interest in no more than

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six on-premises retail licensees. It also adds tenant breweries and tenant wineries to the provision of law requiring on-premises liquor sales to be charged sales tax at the rate of 8%.

Public Law 2025, chapter 87 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2025.

LD 1490 An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations to Sell Progressive Sealed Ticket Games and to Offer Partner-assisted Beano

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 424 authorizes partner-assisted beano, which is when a person playing beano plays with another person. It also defines “sealed ticket game,” which is a game of chance, and clarifies that sealed ticket games include so-called progressive pull-tab games, which are games designed by the manufacturer to include a jackpot prize that is carried over to a subsequent series of tickets or cards with the same form number in the event that jackpot prize is not won. It also changes all references to this type of game to align with the defined term and adds the definition to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17, chapter 13-A regarding beano or bingo.

Public Law 2025, chapter 424 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 25, 2025.

LD 1551 An Act to Support Maine Eating and Drinking Establishments by Allowing Vendors to Operate on the Premises of an Establishment with a Liquor License

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 189 provides that if certain conditions are met, a licensed or unlicensed vendor may operate on the premises of an establishment licensed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to prepare, serve, sell or offer for sale food.

Public Law 2025, chapter 189 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 9, 2025.

LD 1576 An Act to Extend a One-year Lobbying Prohibition to Partisan and Nonpartisan Staff of the Legislature

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 185 extends the one-year prohibition on lobbying, which prohibits former executive branch employees from lobbying until one year after the termination of their employment in the executive branch, to include former employees of the legislative branch, beginning January 1, 2026.

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LD 1702 An Act to Amend Election Polling Place Candidate Restrictions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 331 adds new restrictions regarding signatures and campaign contributions and clarifies existing restrictions in current law applying to the political activities of a candidate for public office at a voting place on election day.

The law prohibits a candidate or the candidate's representative, on public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, from collecting or soliciting voter signatures on a petition in support of the candidate's candidacy, campaign contributions in support of the candidate's candidacy or qualifying contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act for an office the candidate is seeking in that election year.

The law also clarifies that at or within 250 feet of a voting place a person may not influence or attempt to influence a voter's decision regarding a candidate for an office that is on the ballot for the election, whether or not the candidate's name is on the ballot and clarifies that the provision also applies to write-in candidates running for an office that is on the ballot.

Public Law 2025, chapter 331 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2025.

LD 1787 An Act to Increase Seed Money Contribution Limits for Gubernatorial Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 296 increases the contribution limits for gubernatorial seed money contributions to \$250 per individual.

LD 1977 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 397 makes the following changes to the election laws.

1. It replaces uses of the term "polling place" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A with the defined term "voting place."
2. It amends the definition of "closed period" to make it consistent with the statutory provision allowing a voter to register to vote in an election through automatic voter registration within a portion of the closed period.
3. It changes the deadline for submitting an online voter registration application from midnight on the 21st day before election day to 5 p.m. on the 21st day before election day.

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4. It makes nonsubstantive revisions to Title 21-A, sections 121 and 121-A, relating to voter registration procedures, to improve clarity and readability. It also adjusts the deadlines for the Secretary of State to transfer voter registration applications received from outside agencies, imposing differing deadlines depending on how close to election day the application is received.
5. It requires registrars to treat changes and withdrawals of enrollment as filed on the 15th day before the election if the 15th day before the election is a holiday and the change or withdrawal of enrollment form is filed on the next business day after the holiday.
6. It designates new agencies as outside voter registration agencies and clarifies which programs within those agencies must provide voter registration services.
7. It amends the provision governing use of central voter registration data by clarifying the permitted uses of voter data for purposes of evaluating, monitoring or seeking compliance with certain laws, designating certain types of data as highly sensitive, removing certain prohibitions on transfer or publication of central voter registration data and specifying new civil violations for certain misuses of central voter registration data.
8. It enacts provisions governing treatment of qualifying and qualified political parties that fail to attain or lose qualified status. The provisions allow for immediate disenrollment of voters who enrolled in an unsuccessful qualifying party while allowing established parties that are disqualified to retain their enrolled voters by filing a notice for up to one full election cycle while they seek to enroll additional voters to reach the enrollment threshold necessary for qualified status.
9. It creates a new process allowing a qualified party to voluntarily dissolve by filing a notice signed by the statewide chair following an affirmative vote by the party's state committee with the Secretary of State. For a party without a state committee, the written request must be signed by an authorized representative of the party. This provision is retroactive to January 1, 2024, allowing the Secretary of State to act on notices of dissolution received after that date.
10. It permits parties to elect to allow unenrolled voters to sign their candidates' primary nomination petitions by filing a notice with the Secretary of State. The notice may be only filed following an affirmative vote by the party's state committee. For a party without a state committee, the determination must be made through an authorized representative of the party.
11. It requires municipalities to make a municipal officer available to certify names on candidate petitions on the day that primary petitions are due to the Secretary of State.
12. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may not accept a candidate consent form unless it contains the required certification by the registrar of the candidate's enrollment.

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13. It clarifies that the Secretary of State must accept party and nonparty candidate petitions if they contain more than the maximum permitted number of valid signatures, but that the Secretary of State may not validate those signatures above the maximum.
14. It provides for direct appeals to the Law Court from a decision by the Secretary of State to validate or invalidate a party or nonparty candidate petition in response to a challenge.
15. It enacts a new provision allowing for substitution of party-nominated presidential electors if a nominated elector dies, withdraws or becomes disqualified before the election.
16. It creates an exception to the requirement of holding a primary election as part of the process to fill a vacancy in the office of representative to Congress if the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives invokes a federal law requiring expedited election procedures if there are more than 100 vacancies in the United States House of Representatives.
17. It requires a candidate wishing for the candidate's name to appear differently on the ballot than it does on their candidate consent form to notify the Secretary of State no later than 70 days prior to the election.
18. It allows the Secretary of State to prepare neutral instruction materials and posters for posting at the voting place to the extent the Secretary of State determines them to be necessary to assist voters.
19. It repeals requirements that the Secretary of State produce and disseminate a guide to election law and conduct a training program for new municipal clerks.
20. It amends the provision requiring the Secretary of State to implement a system for collecting and logging concerns from members of the public regarding the conduct of elections to clarify that the system is for collecting and logging reports from residents of this State of alleged violations of Title 21-A related to the conduct of statewide or federal elections. It specifies that the reported alleged violations must be categorized and that the log must include any action taken to address the alleged violations, if applicable. It also adjusts the reporting of this information in the report submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over elections matters every two years.
21. It requires a municipal clerk to post or have posted a notice of election, attested by the clerk, in a conspicuous public place in a municipality at least 21 days immediately before election day and at each voting place in the municipality on election day.
22. It changes the deadlines from 60 days before the election to 90 days before the election for a municipality to request approval of a new voting place and for a party to file a complaint concerning the size of an existing voting place.
23. It clarifies that the restrictions on certain advertising at the voting place and on public property within 250 feet of the entrance of the voting place on election day include apparel.

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24. It clarifies that wardens may limit or disallow signature gathering at the voting place as may be necessary to prevent violations of the ban on certain political activities at the polls.
25. It prohibits any person other than an authorized municipal official to distribute or collect voter registration applications inside the voting place or on public property within 250 feet of the entrance of the voting place on election day.
26. It consolidates into one new section several existing provisions regulating activities at the voting place on election day, including poll watching, signature gathering, charitable activities and election observing.
27. It clarifies that a declared write-in candidate for President must file consent forms for each of the presidential electors with the Secretary of State no later than 5 p.m. on the 70th day before the election.
28. It changes the deadline by which municipal clerks must make absentee ballot applications available for primary elections from three months before the election to two months before the election.
29. It amends the provision identifying the facilities subject to in-facility absentee voting to include mental health residential facilities, residential facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities and state mental health institutes.
30. It allows municipalities that receive multiple requests for public inspection of absentee ballots before processing, either on election day or in the seven days before election day, to reasonably limit the time and manner of public inspection and give priority to authorized representatives of parties and candidates.
31. It clarifies that a vote for a write-in candidate for President is attributable to that candidate's designated presidential electors.
32. It makes various changes to the provisions governing the electoral college to conform to the federal Electoral Count Reform Act. It clarifies that the Governor must issue the certificate of ascertainment of appointment of electors no later than six days before the meeting of electors. It also provides, in accordance with the Electoral Count Reform Act, that the meeting of electors must happen on the Tuesday after the 2nd Wednesday in December following their election. It specifies that the certificate of ascertainment of appointment of electors must contain a security feature selected by the Secretary of State in addition to the state seal.
33. It eliminates language governing the use of electronic tabulators providing for secrecy envelopes for ballots.
34. It changes the format and updates certain language of the provision governing closing of voting places that use electronic tabulators.

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35. It provides that test ballots used to test electronic tabulating equipment must be marked in red ink rather than blue or black ink.