

STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSION



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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Adult Use Cannabis

Enacted

LD 83	An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act	PUBLIC 6
LD 202	An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Adult Use Cannabis Stores to Transact Sales at Specified Events	PUBLIC 408
LD 555	An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis	PUBLIC 220
LD 1880	An Act to Amend the Adult Use Cannabis Laws	PUBLIC 396

Not Enacted

LD 40	An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws	CARRIED OVER
LD 48	An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Cannabis Legalization Act Regarding Labels, Packaging and Testing	CARRIED OVER
LD 410	An Act Regarding the Nuisance of Cannabis Plants and Smoke in Residential Areas	ONTP
LD 839	An Act to Allow On-premises Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Products on the Premises of Cannabis Store Licensees	ONTP
LD 845	An Act to Require Labeling and Signs to Warn Consumers About the Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Animals	ONTP
LD 1391	An Act to Limit Cannabis Cultivation Licenses to Protect the Cannabis Market	ONTP
LD 1446	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Cannabis Hospitality Establishments	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1467	An Act to Establish the Maine Cannabis Research Committee and Facilitate Research into Alternative Therapeutics	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1517	An Act to Create Equity in the State's Cannabis Industry	CARRIED OVER

LD 1529	An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging	CARRIED OVER
LD 1585	An Act to Amend Maine's Cannabis Laws to Protect Small and Medium-sized Cultivators	ONTP
LD 1680	An Act to Allow Cannabis Advertising and to Allow Cannabis Delivery	ONTP
LD 1686	An Act to Eliminate Unconstitutional Restrictions on Access to Cannabis by Removing Certain Restrictions on Medical Use and Personal Use and to Recognize Cannabis and Hemp as Food Protected as a Right Under the Constitution of Maine	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1691	An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses	CARRIED OVER
LD 1757	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting and Tracking of Adult Use Cannabis	CARRIED OVER
LD 1765	An Act Authorizing the Governor to Enter into Interstate Agreements Regarding the Cannabis Industry	ONTP
LD 1952	An Act to Allow On-site Cannabis Consumption	CARRIED OVER

Alcoholic Beverages, Administration

Enacted

LD 740	An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels	PUBLIC 219
LD 1073	An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits	PUBLIC 197

Not Enacted

LD 248	An Act to Amend the State's Liquor Laws	CARRIED OVER
LD 1329	An Act to Allow Delivery of Maine Craft Beer	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1548	An Act to Support Maine Craft Brewers by Amending the Law Regarding Breweries with Multiple Locations	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1695	An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers	CARRIED OVER

LD 2014 An Act Regarding Spirits Price Regulation

CARRIED OVER

Alcoholic Beverages, Regulation

Enacted

LD 141	An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises	PUBLIC 44
LD 201	An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption	PUBLIC 34
LD 846	An Act to Require Direct Wine Shippers to Comply with Maine Beverage Container Laws	PUBLIC 252
LD 1066	An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle	PUBLIC 103
LD 1132	An Act Regarding the Provision of Liquor at Taste-testing Events Held at an Off-premises Retail Licensee's Premises	PUBLIC 349
LD 1371	An Act to Amend Limits on the Direct Shipment of Wine	PUBLIC 274
LD 1378	An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries	PUBLIC 269
LD 1984	An Act to Allow Golf Courses to Obtain a License to Conduct Off-premises Catering	PUBLIC 285

Not Enacted

LD 680	An Act Examining On-premises Liquor License Requirements	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
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Campaign Finance, Generally

Enacted

LD 255	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reports	PUBLIC 273
LD 726	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Political Action Committees Relating to Union, Business and Nonprofit Organizations	PUBLIC 244

Not Enacted

LD 246	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws	CARRIED OVER
LD 249	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws Regarding Political Action Committees	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

LD 567	An Act to Provide for the Ethical Election of Constitutional Officers by Restricting Certain Campaign Contributions	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1327	An Act to Limit the Requirements Regarding Leadership Political Action Committees and to Promote Clean Election Transparency	ONTP
LD 1590	An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources	CARRIED OVER
LD 1610	An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution	Veto Sustained
LD 1811	An Act to Clarify Required Political Committees 24-hour Reports	ONTP

Campaign Finance, Maine Clean Election Act

Enacted

LD 247	An Act Regarding Replacement Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act	PUBLIC 211
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Not Enacted

LD 192	An Act Concerning the Future of Clean Election Funding	CARRIED OVER
LD 790	An Act to Require Disclosure for Communications Paid for Using Maine Clean Election Act Funding	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1221	An Act to Make Changes to the Distribution Amounts to Certain Maine Clean Election Act Candidates in Contested General Elections	ONTP
LD 1327	An Act to Limit the Requirements Regarding Leadership Political Action Committees and to Promote Clean Election Transparency	ONTP
LD 1466	An Act to Fund Adult Intellectual Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder Services by Eliminating Certain Tax Funding from the Maine Clean Election Fund	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1698	An Act to Eliminate Private Donations to the Maine Clean Election Fund	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1851	An Act to Allow Replacement Candidates to Qualify for Certification Under the Maine Clean Election Act	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1966	An Act to Allow Candidates for County Office to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act	CARRIED OVER

Campaign Practices

Enacted	LD 879	An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places	PUBLIC 109
Not Enacted	LD 656	An Act to Prevent Electioneering on General Election Ballots by Candidates Nominated by Petition	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 750	An Act to Eliminate the Limits on Candidates' Speech at the Polls	Report C (ONTP)

Cannabis Advisory Commission

Not Enacted	LD 355	An Act to Eliminate the Cannabis Advisory Commission	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1819	An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board	CARRIED OVER

Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Enacted	LD 391	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices	RESOLVE 21
	LD 1630	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance and Lobbying Disclosure and Enforcement of Income Source Reporting Requirements	PUBLIC 324

Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management

Not Enacted	LD 561	An Act to Require a Military Service Member's Agent with Power of Attorney to Be Legally Responsible for Paying Bills During the Member's Deployment	ONTP
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Elections, Absentee Voting

Enacted	LD 886	An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters with a Physical or Mental Disability and Certain Voters' Caregivers	PUBLIC 128
	LD 1568	An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes	PUBLIC 320

	LD 1690	An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots	PUBLIC 404
Not Enacted	LD 26	An Act to Provide Postage Prepaid Return Envelopes to Voters Who Send Absentee Ballots by Mail	ONTP
	LD 770	An Act to Prohibit Ballot Harvesting by Preventing a 3rd Person from Returning More than 2 Absentee Ballots per Day	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 812	An Act to Assist Clerks in Facilitating Elections and to Improve Access to In-person Absentee Voting for Working People by Increasing Time for Absentee Ballot Processing and In-person Voting	ONTP
	LD 1055	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Ballot Drop Boxes	ONTP
	LD 1500	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elections by Requiring Video Monitoring of Drop Boxes and Amending the Laws Regarding Voter Rolls and Absentee Voting Envelopes	ONTP

Elections, Ballot Qualifications

Enacted	LD 769	An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status	PUBLIC 400
	LD 922	An Act to Clarify Required Disclosure of Personally Identifying Information for Certain Nominating Petitions	PUBLIC 389
Not Enacted	LD 694	An Act to Lower the Signature Quantity Requirement for Certain Independent Candidates for Elected Office	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 852	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Length of Legislators' Terms to 4 Years	Died Between Houses
	LD 1071	An Act to Allow Political Candidates to Be Nominated by Multiple Parties for the Same Office	ONTP
	LD 1108	An Act to Require All Candidates for Any State or County Office to Follow the Same Rules for Submission of Signatures Regarding Deadlines and the Number of Signatures	Died Between Houses
	LD 1320	An Act to Improve Signature Requirements for Candidates by Allowing Unenrolled Voters to Sign Petitions for Party Candidates	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1331	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change Term Limit Time Periods and the Frequency of Elections of Legislators	ONTP

LD 1846	An Act to Amend a Circulator's Oath for Petitions and Nomination Papers by Including the Number of Signatures Collected	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Elections, Conduct of Elections

Enacted

LD 419	Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools in Order to Protect Security and Accessibility	RESOLVE 73
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LD 1022	An Act to Extend the Time Allowed Between a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting and a Budget Validation Referendum	PUBLIC 256
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LD 1980	An Act to Improve Election Laws and Notarial Laws	PUBLIC 304
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Not Enacted

LD 332	An Act to Amend the State's Election Laws	CARRIED OVER
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LD 768	An Act to Authorize State Political Parties to Opt Out of Ranked-choice Voting for Primary Elections	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1038	An Act to Reinstate Plurality Voting by Repealing the Ranked-choice Voting Laws	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1070	An Act to Increase Ballot Transparency with Blockchain Technology	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1255	An Act to Improve the Security of Voting Places	ONTP
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LD 1502	An Act to Provide Consistency of Process for Maine's Electoral Votes by Prohibiting Enactment of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1578	An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote	CARRIED OVER
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LD 1594	An Act to Provide for Voters Expressing Preferences in Ranked-choice Voting	ONTP
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LD 1805	An Act to Increase State Oversight of Election Funding by Requiring Approval by the Legislature	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1869	An Act to Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 1917	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Governor, State Senator and State Representative	Final Passage Failed
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LD 1959	An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting	CARRIED OVER
LD 1991	An Act Regarding Gubernatorial Primary Elections	CARRIED OVER

Elections, Initiatives, People's Vetoes and Referenda

Enacted	LD 233	An Act to Ensure Efficiency in the Review of Petitions by the Secretary of State by Clarifying Deadlines Related to Those Petitions	PUBLIC 342
	LD 764	An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Special Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election	PUBLIC 401
	LD 1012	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions	CON RES 2
	LD 1477	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law	CON RES 3
Not Enacted	LD 1109	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Create Consistent Election Dates for Citizen-initiated Referenda in Even-numbered Election Years	ONTP
	LD 1416	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Increase the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a State Referendum Question	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1604	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Extend the Time That a Signature on a Petition for a Direct Initiative of Legislation Is Valid	ONTP

Elections, Voter Qualifications and Registration

Enacted	LD 1344	An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration	PUBLIC 291
	LD 1653	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors	CON RES 4
Not Enacted	LD 34	An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	ONTP
	LD 237	An Act to Require a Registered Voter to Update the Registration	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 766	An Act Regarding the Residence of Incarcerated Persons for Voting Purposes	ONTP
LD 1032	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors	ONTP
LD 1365	An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting	Majority (ONTP) Report

Gambling, Beano and Games of Chance

Enacted	LD 147	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations	PUBLIC 86
	LD 1088	An Act to Update the Gambling Laws to Allow Once-annual Game Nights for Eligible Organizations and Registered Political Committees	PUBLIC 391
Not Enacted	LD 1292	An Act to Increase the Prize Limits Allowed for Raffles	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1992	An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States	CARRIED OVER

Gambling, Casinos and Slot Machines

Not Enacted	LD 504	An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1944	An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming	CARRIED OVER

Gambling, Harness Racing and Off-track Betting

Enacted	LD 311	An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness Racing	PUBLIC 51
	LD 731	An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering	PUBLIC 440
Not Enacted	LD 1992	An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States	CARRIED OVER

Gambling, Lottery

Enacted	LD 1125	Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Winning Lottery Tickets	RESOLVE 22
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Gambling, Sports and Fantasy Contests

Not Enacted	LD 1777	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming	CARRIED OVER
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Lobbying and Lobbyist Regulation

Enacted	LD 1357	An Act to Impose an Expanded Prohibition on Lobbying for Former Executive Branch Employees	PUBLIC 337
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	LD 1627	An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities	PUBLIC 279
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Not Enacted	LD 737	An Act to Prohibit Government Contracting Organizations from Influencing Elections	ONTP
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	LD 833	An Act to Prohibit Persons Who Donate to a Governor's Transition Committee and Inaugural Committee from Registering as Lobbyists	CARRIED OVER
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Maine National Guard

Enacted	LD 230	Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell	RESOLVE 45
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	LD 569	An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory	PUBLIC 33
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	LD 1523	An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members	PUBLIC 202
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	LD 1783	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma	PUBLIC 474
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	LD 1987	An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Calais Armory	PUBLIC 296
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Not Enacted	LD 1054	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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Medical Use of Cannabis

Enacted	LD 83	An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act	PUBLIC 6
	LD 832	An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program	PUBLIC 365
	LD 978	An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking	PUBLIC 96
Not Enacted	LD 40	An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws	CARRIED OVER
	LD 94	An Act Regarding the Use of Medical Cannabis by Minors	ONTP
	LD 365	An Act to Support Compliance and Establish Graduated Sanctions Under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	ONTP
	LD 410	An Act Regarding the Nuisance of Cannabis Plants and Smoke in Residential Areas	ONTP
	LD 845	An Act to Require Labeling and Signs to Warn Consumers About the Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Animals	ONTP
	LD 1467	An Act to Establish the Maine Cannabis Research Committee and Facilitate Research into Alternative Therapeutics	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
	LD 1530	An Act to Support Patients by Permitting On-site Consumption of Medical Cannabis and Medical Cannabis Products	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1585	An Act to Amend Maine's Cannabis Laws to Protect Small and Medium-sized Cultivators	ONTP
	LD 1686	An Act to Eliminate Unconstitutional Restrictions on Access to Cannabis by Removing Certain Restrictions on Medical Use and Personal Use and to Recognize Cannabis and Hemp as Food Protected as a Right Under the Constitution of Maine	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1691	An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1819	An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board	CARRIED OVER

Miscellaneous

Not Enacted	LD 1914	An Act to Enact the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act	CARRIED OVER
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Veterans

Enacted	LD 985	Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes	RESOLVE 117
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	LD 1523	An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members	PUBLIC 202
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	LD 1597	Resolve, to Establish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	RESOLVE 95
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Not Enacted	LD 265	An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine	CARRIED OVER
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	LD 1375	An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta	CARRIED OVER
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Comm	LD	Title	Comm Action		Carried over?	Date of last Comm Action	Final Disposition	Enacted Laws		Analyst Note?	Session
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VLA	26	An Act to Provide Postage Prepaid Return Envelopes to Voters Who Send Absentee Ballots by Mail	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	34	An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	40	An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	48	An Act to Clarify Provisions of the Cannabis Legalization Act Regarding Labels, Packaging and Testing	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	83	An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/1/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	6		R1
VLA	94	An Act Regarding the Use of Medical Cannabis by Minors	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	141	An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP		4/10/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	44		S1
VLA	147	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/26/23	Enacted	PL	86		S1
VLA	192	An Act Concerning the Future of Clean Election Funding	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	201	An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/6/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	34		S1

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VLA	202	An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Adult Use Cannabis Stores to Transact Sales at Specified Events	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	408		S1
VLA	230	Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/19/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	45		S1
VLA	233	An Act to Ensure Efficiency in the Review of Petitions by the Secretary of State by Clarifying Deadlines Related to Those Petitions	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	342		S1
VLA	237	An Act to Require a Registered Voter to Update the Registration	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	246	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	247	An Act Regarding Replacement Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	211		S1
VLA	248	An Act to Amend the State's Liquor Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	249	An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws Regarding Political Action Committees	Reported Out	LTW		3/24/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	255	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reports	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	273		S1
VLA	265	An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	4/6/23					S1
VLA	311	An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness Racing	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		4/21/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	51		S1
VLA	332	An Act to Amend the State's Election Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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VLA	365	An Act to Support Compliance and Establish Graduated Sanctions Under the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	Reported Out	ONTP			5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	391	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM			5/12/23	Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	21	S1
VLA	410	An Act Regarding the Nuisance of Cannabis Plants and Smoke in Residential Areas	Reported Out	ONTP			4/25/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	419	Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools in Order to Protect Security and Accessibility	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP			6/13/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	73	S1
VLA	504	An Act Regarding Licensing Fees for Small Slot Machine Distributors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Carried On Approps Table	5/12/23				S1
VLA	555	An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis	Reported Out	OTP			5/17/23	Enacted	PL	220	S1
VLA	561	An Act to Require a Military Service Member's Agent with Power of Attorney to Be Legally Responsible for Paying Bills During the Member's Deployment	Reported Out	ONTP			3/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1

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VLA	656	An Act to Prevent Electioneering on General Election Ballots by Candidates Nominated by Petition	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		4/21/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	680	An Act Examining On-premises Liquor License Requirements	Reported Out	LTW		5/30/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	694	An Act to Lower the Signature Quantity Requirement for Certain Independent Candidates for Elected Office	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	726	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Political Action Committees Relating to Union, Business and Nonprofit Organizations	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	244		S1
VLA	731	An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	440		S1
VLA	737	An Act to Prohibit Government Contracting Organizations from Influencing Elections	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	740	An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	219		S1
VLA	750	An Act to Eliminate the Limits on Candidates' Speech at the Polls	Reported Out	AM/OTP-AM/ONTP		5/4/23	Accepted Report C (ONTP)				S1

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VLA	764	An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Special Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	401		S1
VLA	766	An Act Regarding the Residence of Incarcerated Persons for Voting Purposes	Reported Out	ONTP		4/25/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	768	An Act to Authorize State Political Parties to Opt Out of Ranked-choice Voting for Primary Elections	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/4/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	769	An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status	Reported Out	OTP/ONTP		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	400		S1
VLA	770	An Act to Prohibit Ballot Harvesting by Preventing a 3rd Person from Returning More than 2 Absentee Ballots per Day	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/3/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	790	An Act to Require Disclosure for Communications Paid for Using Maine Clean Election Act Funding	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	812	An Act to Assist Clerks in Facilitating Elections and to Improve Access to In-person Absentee Voting for Working People by Increasing Time for Absentee Ballot Processing and In-person Voting	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	832	An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/22/23	Enacted	PL	365		S1
VLA	833	An Act to Prohibit Persons Who Donate to a Governor's Transition Committee and Inaugural Committee from Registering as Lobbyists	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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VLA	839	An Act to Allow On-premises Consumption of Adult Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Products on the Premises of Cannabis Store Licensees	Reported Out	ONTP		6/1/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	845	An Act to Require Labeling and Signs to Warn Consumers About the Harmful Effects of Cannabis on Animals	Reported Out	ONTP		3/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
VLA	846	An Act to Require Direct Wine Shippers to Comply with Maine Beverage Container Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	252		S1
VLA	852	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Length of Legislators' Terms to 4 Years	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	879	An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places	Reported Out	OTP- AM/OTP- AM		5/5/23	Enacted	PL	109		S1
VLA	886	An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters with a Physical or Mental Disability and Certain Voters' Caregivers	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		5/12/23	Enacted	PL	128		S1
VLA	922	An Act to Clarify Required Disclosure of Personally Identifying Information for Certain Nominating Petitions	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/16/23	Enacted	PL	389		S1
VLA	978	An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking	Reported Out	OTP		4/24/23	Enacted	PL	96		S1
VLA	985	Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	117		S1
VLA	1012	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Finally Passed	CONRES	2		S1

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VLA	1022	An Act to Extend the Time Allowed Between a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting and a Budget Validation Referendum	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/12/23	Enacted	PL	256		S1
VLA	1032	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1038	An Act to Reinstate Plurality Voting by Repealing the Ranked-choice Voting Laws	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		4/24/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1054	An Act to Prohibit the Maine National Guard from Combat Deployment Absent an Act of the United States Congress	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1055	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Ballot Drop Boxes	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1066	An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle	Reported Out	OTP-AM/OTP		4/27/23	Enacted	PL	103		S1
VLA	1070	An Act to Increase Ballot Transparency with Blockchain Technology	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		5/12/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1071	An Act to Allow Political Candidates to Be Nominated by Multiple Parties for the Same Office	Reported Out	ONTP		4/24/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1073	An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits	Reported Out	OTP		6/6/23	Enacted	PL	197		S1

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VLA	1088	An Act to Update the Gambling Laws to Allow Once-annual Game Nights for Eligible Organizations and Registered Political Committees	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	391		S1
VLA	1108	An Act to Require All Candidates for Any State or County Office to Follow the Same Rules for Submission of Signatures Regarding Deadlines and the Number of Signatures	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		4/21/23	Died Between Houses				S1
VLA	1109	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Create Consistent Election Dates for Citizen-initiated Referenda in Even-numbered Election Years	Reported Out	ONTP		4/6/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1125	Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Winning Lottery Tickets	Reported Out	OTP-AM		5/4/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	22		S1
VLA	1132	An Act Regarding the Provision of Liquor at Taste-testing Events Held at an Off-premises Retail Licensee's Premises	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	349		S1
VLA	1221	An Act to Make Changes to the Distribution Amounts to Certain Maine Clean Election Act Candidates in Contested General Elections	Reported Out	ONTP		4/10/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1255	An Act to Improve the Security of Voting Places	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1292	An Act to Increase the Prize Limits Allowed for Raffles	Reported Out	LTW		5/4/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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VLA	1320	An Act to Improve Signature Requirements for Candidates by Allowing Unenrolled Voters to Sign Petitions for Party Candidates	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1327	An Act to Limit the Requirements Regarding Leadership Political Action Committees and to Promote Clean Election Transparency	Reported Out	ONTP		5/4/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1329	An Act to Allow Delivery of Maine Craft Beer	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1331	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change Term Limit Time Periods and the Frequency of Elections of Legislators	Reported Out	ONTP		5/22/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1344	An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	291		S1
VLA	1357	An Act to Impose an Expanded Prohibition on Lobbying for Former Executive Branch Employees	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	337		S1
VLA	1365	An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1371	An Act to Amend Limits on the Direct Shipment of Wine	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/9/23	Enacted	PL	274		S1
VLA	1375	An Act to Provide Funding for a Chapel at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Augusta	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP/ OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/2/23					S1

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VLA	1378	An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	269		S1
VLA	1391	An Act to Limit Cannabis Cultivation Licenses to Protect the Cannabis Market	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1416	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Increase the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a State Referendum Question	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1446	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Cannabis Hospitality Establishments	Reported Out	LTW		5/19/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1466	An Act to Fund Adult Intellectual Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder Services by Eliminating Certain Tax Funding from the Maine Clean Election Fund	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/13/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1467	An Act to Establish the Maine Cannabis Research Committee and Facilitate Research into Alternative Therapeutics	Reported Out	LTW		5/4/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1477	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/21/23	Finally Passed	CONRES	3		S1

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VLA	1500	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elections by Requiring Video Monitoring of Drop Boxes and Amending the Laws Regarding Voter Rolls and Absentee Voting Envelopes	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1502	An Act to Provide Consistency of Process for Maine's Electoral Votes by Prohibiting Enactment of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM		6/6/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1517	An Act to Create Equity in the State's Cannabis Industry	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1523	An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Enacted	PL	202		S1
VLA	1529	An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/15/23					S1
VLA	1530	An Act to Support Patients by Permitting On-site Consumption of Medical Cannabis and Medical Cannabis Products	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1548	An Act to Support Maine Craft Brewers by Amending the Law Regarding Breweries with Multiple Locations	Reported Out	LTW		4/25/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1568	An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ONTP		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	320		S1
VLA	1578	An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1585	An Act to Amend Maine's Cannabis Laws to Protect Small and Medium-sized Cultivators	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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VLA	1590	An Act to Require Disclosure of Campaign Funding Sources	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1594	An Act to Provide for Voters Expressing Preferences in Ranked-choice Voting	Reported Out	ONTP		4/26/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1597	Resolve, to Establish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/2/23	Finally Passed	RESLV	95		S1
VLA	1604	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Extend the Time That a Signature on a Petition for a Direct Initiative of Legislation Is Valid	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1610	An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Veto Sustained				S1
VLA	1627	An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	279		S1
VLA	1630	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance and Lobbying Disclosure and Enforcement of Income Source Reporting Requirements	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Enacted	PL	324		S1
VLA	1653	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Finally Passed	CONRES	4		S1
VLA	1680	An Act to Allow Cannabis Advertising and to Allow Cannabis Delivery	Reported Out	ONTP		6/14/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1686	An Act to Eliminate Unconstitutional Restrictions on Access to Cannabis by Removing Certain Restrictions on Medical Use and Personal Use and to Recognize Cannabis and Hemp as Food Protected as a Right Under the Constitution of Maine	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/14/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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VLA	1690	An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	404		S1
VLA	1691	An Act to Provide Parity in State Energy Rate Relief Payments and Tax Exemptions for Maine Cannabis Businesses	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/22/23					S1
VLA	1695	An Act to Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1698	An Act to Eliminate Private Donations to the Maine Clean Election Fund	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1757	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting and Tracking of Adult Use Cannabis	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1765	An Act Authorizing the Governor to Enter into Interstate Agreements Regarding the Cannabis Industry	Reported Out	ONTP		5/17/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1777	An Act to Create Economic Opportunity for Wabanaki Nations Through Internet Gaming	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1783	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Enacted	PL	474		S1
VLA	1805	An Act to Increase State Oversight of Election Funding by Requiring Approval by the Legislature	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		5/26/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1811	An Act to Clarify Required Political Committees 24-hour Reports	Reported Out	ONTP		5/18/23	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1819	An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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VLA	1846	An Act to Amend a Circulator's Oath for Petitions and Nomination Papers by Including the Number of Signatures Collected	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP		5/19/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1851	An Act to Allow Replacement Candidates to Qualify for Certification Under the Maine Clean Election Act	Reported Out	LTW		5/19/23	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
VLA	1869	An Act to Prohibit the Private Funding of Elections	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP- AM		6/20/23	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
VLA	1880	An Act to Amend the Adult Use Cannabis Laws	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/21/23	Enacted	PL	396		S1
VLA	1914	An Act to Enact the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1917	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Governor, State Senator and State Representative	Reported Out	OTP- AM/ONTP		6/20/23	Final Passage Failed				S1
VLA	1944	An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1952	An Act to Allow On-site Cannabis Consumption	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1959	An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1966	An Act to Allow Candidates for County Office to Participate in the Maine Clean Election Act	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1980	An Act to Improve Election Laws and Notarial Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/20/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	304		S1
VLA	1984	An Act to Allow Golf Courses to Obtain a License to Conduct Off-premises Catering	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/14/23	Emergency Enacted	PL	285		S1
VLA	1987	An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Calais Armory	Reported Out	OTP-AM		6/13/23	Enacted	PL	296		S1

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VLA	1991	An Act Regarding Gubernatorial Primary Elections	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	1992	An Act to Legalize Historical Horse Racing and Electronic Beano to Allow Maine Gaming Licensees and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to Compete with Other Gaming States	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1
VLA	2014	An Act Regarding Spirits Price Regulation	Carry Over Approved		Carried in Comm	7/25/23					S1

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LD 83 An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 6 defines the term "cannabis paraphernalia" for purposes of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, Title 22, chapter 558-C, and the Cannabis Legalization Act, Title 28, chapter 1 and makes the following clarifications.

1. A person may sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia to a qualifying patient, caregiver or registered dispensary for a qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis.
2. A caregiver or registered dispensary, as defined in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, and a cannabis store, as defined in the Cannabis Legalization Act, may sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia for the purpose of cannabis use.
3. A retail tobacco license is not required to sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia.
4. A person is prohibited from selling, offering to sell or furnishing products containing tobacco, nicotine or synthetic nicotine without first obtaining a retail tobacco license.
5. A person may be in the vicinity of the medical use of cannabis.

Public Law 2023, chapter 6 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 15, 2023.

LD 141 An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 44 makes the following changes to the sale of food requirement for on-premises licensees.

1. It adds indoor golf centers and outdoor golf centers to the list of establishments that may be licensed for the sale of spirits, wine or malt liquor to be consumed on or off the licensed premises. It also defines "indoor golf center" as a commercially operated indoor facility that offers golf simulator facilities to the public for a fee and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor and "outdoor golf center" as a commercially operated outdoor facility with areas for practicing golf shots with rentable golf clubs and balls, which may include a miniature golf course that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor, but does not mean a golf course.
2. It adds "indoor golf center" and "outdoor golf center" to the section of statute that outlines the specific license requirements for similar types of recreational facilities and to the sections of

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statute that outline the types of eligible premises for each license type to correspond to those license types available to similar recreational facilities.

3. It eliminates the sale of food requirement for bowling centers, curling centers, disc golf courses, golf courses, indoor ice skating centers, indoor racquet centers, Class A lounges and taverns.
4. It changes the gross annual income requirements from the sale of food for Class A restaurants, Class A restaurant/lounges and year-round and part-time qualified catering services from an amount based on a municipality's population to 10% of the licensee's gross annual income.
5. It aligns the sale of food requirement for auxiliary licenses with those of the primary licensed premises.

Public Law 2023, chapter 44 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 1, 2023.

LD 147 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 86 makes the following changes to the laws governing certain raffles conducted by eligible organizations.

1. It increases the amount of the prize value for a 50/50 raffle held during a game of chance tournament from \$1,000 to \$2000.
2. It increases the amount of a noncash prize that can be offered by an eligible organization in a raffle from \$75,000 to \$150,000 and requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to adjust every two years the noncash prize dollar value based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$100.
3. Current law caps a cash prize offered by an eligible organization in a raffle at \$20,000 with no more than one \$10,000 cash prize per holder of a winning chance. Public Law 2023, chapter 86 keeps the cap per holder of a winning chance at \$10,000 but allows for an unlimited number of cash prizes to be awarded.
4. It allows an eligible organization to conduct more than one raffle at a time.
5. It designates lottery tickets as noncash prizes and determines that the total value of the lottery ticket as a noncash prize is based on the purchase price of the lottery ticket and not the potential or actual value of the lottery ticket winnings.

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6. It removes the requirement that the records kept by eligible organizations conducting raffles include an exact account of all gross revenue from the games, an itemization of all allowable expenses, including, but not limited to, the cost of prizes, printing, licenses and administration, and the disposition of all proceeds, including, but not limited to, all gifts, grants and payments to any person, firm, corporation, association or organization for any purpose whatsoever.

LD 201 An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 34 makes permanent the changes to the liquor laws allowing qualified on-premises retailers and qualified distilleries to sell liquor for off-premises consumption under certain conditions and the sale of cocktails for on-premises consumption at distilleries and small distilleries. It also removes the requirement that wine and malt liquor sold for off-premises consumption be sold only in an original container and instead allows wine to be sold for off-premises consumption in an approved container, in an original container or as an ingredient in an approved cocktail and allows malt liquor to be sold for off-premises consumption in an approved container or in an original container. It makes a technical correction to the cross-reference for the definition of “full meal” in the definition of “food order” as well.

Public Law 2023, chapter 34 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2023.

LD 202 An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Adult Use Cannabis Stores to Transact Sales at Specified Events

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 408 makes the following changes to current provisions in Title 28-B, chapter 1 that allow a cannabis store to sell, on a temporary basis, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products at the location of a specified event.

1. It creates new definitions for the terms "permitted premises for a specified event," "specified event" and "specified event permit."
2. It amends the application requirements for the issuance of a permit for cannabis stores to conduct sales at a specified event.
3. It changes the requirements for cannabis stores to account for authorized sales at a specified event.
4. It changes the limitations and conditions for cannabis stores to conduct sales at a specified event.

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5. It establishes the criteria for the suspension or revocation of a permit for a cannabis store to conduct sales at a specified event.
6. It provides criteria for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' approval or denial of a permit application for cannabis stores to conduct sales at a specified event.
7. It repeals the department's rule-making authority regarding specified events which is provided for under the department's general rule-making authority under this chapter.
8. It amends the requirement that the department issue guidance documents to cannabis stores.

LD 230 Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 45 requires the Adjutant General to sell a parcel of land to the City of Hallowell, by June 30, 2024, for \$40,000 to be paid by the city in 10 equal annual installments. The sale price is less than the appraised value because the appraisal did not account for upkeep to the property made by the city over several years and assumed the highest and best use of the property for residential development. The city plans to use this property for public recreational purposes.

LD 233 An Act to Ensure Efficiency in the Review of Petitions by the Secretary of State by Clarifying Deadlines Related to Those Petitions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 342 requires the Secretary of State to determine the validity of certain petitions within 30 business days of the date of filing of the petition, except for petitions that are filed in an even-numbered general election year within 30 calendar days before or 30 calendar days after the general election. In those cases, the Secretary of State is required to determine the validity within 30 business days after the 30th calendar day following the general election.

LD 247 An Act Regarding Replacement Candidates Under the Maine Clean Election Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 211 establishes the beginning of the qualifying period for any replacement candidate who wishes to qualify as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate as when the Secretary of State receives a notice of withdrawal or declares a vacancy, whichever occurs first. It requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to establish, by routine technical rule, a procedure to establish the end date for the qualifying period for a replacement candidate. It also requires the commission to establish, by routine technical rule, procedures for

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certification, disbursement of Maine Clean Election Fund revenues and return of unspent fund revenues for races involving vacancies, withdrawals or replacement candidates. The rules must provide that qualifying contributions collected by a replacement candidate may not be deposited into the Maine Clean Election Fund until the replacement candidate is nominated and that if the replacement candidate is not officially nominated, the commission must return the qualifying contributions to the contributors, unless the contributor authorizes the deposit of the qualifying contribution into the fund.

LD 255 An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reports

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 273 changes the election law that requires all candidates for state or county office other than Governor to file a campaign finance report on the 42nd day before a general election to instead require the report to be filed on the 42nd day before any election. A municipal candidate must file a report 42 days before an election only if required by the candidate's municipality. A candidate participating in the Maine Clean Election Act program is exempt from the requirement to file a report on the 42nd day before a primary election.

LD 311 An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness Racing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 51 delays the repeal of the law governing the sale of pari-mutuel pools and common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026.

Public Law 2023, chapter 51 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2023.

LD 391 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 21 authorizes final adoption of portions of rule Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and portions of rule Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, major substantive rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, subject to the removal of the changes in rule Chapter 3 governing when the qualifying period for replacement candidates begins and ends.

Resolve 2023, chapter 21 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2023.

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LD 419 Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools in Order to Protect Security and Accessibility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 73 directs the Department of the Secretary of State to convene a working group to study the use of school buildings as polling places, to consider options to protect the security of school students and staff and election staff and voters and to consider polling place accessibility. The working group is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by January 1, 2024. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 555 An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 220 increases the number of mature cannabis plants a person is allowed to possess, cultivate or transport at any one time for personal use from three to six.

LD 569 An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 33 permits the Adjutant General to sell the Houlton Armory, located at 86 Pleasant Street, Houlton, by means of a quitclaim deed provided the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the armory. This sale does not require approval of the Legislature under Title 38-B, section 264, subsection B.

LD 726 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Political Action Committees Relating to Union, Business and Nonprofit Organizations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 244 repeals the changes made in Public Law 2021, chapter 274 and Public Law 2021, chapter 607. It makes the following changes to the campaign finance laws.

1. It removes the definitions of "business entity," "leadership political action committee" and "separate segregated fund committee."
2. It removes the prohibition on business entities making contributions to candidates.

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3. It provides that a political committee, political action committee, ballot question committee, other committee, firm, partnership, corporation, association or organization may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than the amount that an individual may contribute to that candidate.
4. It updates the limits on contributions to candidates based on the current limits, which are adjusted every two years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25.
5. It provides that contributions made by a for-profit or nonprofit corporation, including a parent, subsidiary, branch, division, department or local unit of a corporation, and contributions made by a political committee or political action committee whose contribution or expenditure activities are financed, maintained or controlled by a corporation are considered to be made by that corporation, political committee or political action committee. It clarifies when two or more entities are treated as a single entity and provides that a sole proprietorship and its owner are treated as a single entity.
6. It removes the limits on contributions to leadership political action committees and limits on contributions to separate segregated fund committees.

It also requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, in consultation with the Attorney General, to develop legislation necessary to regulate contributions made by business entities to candidates and political action committees and contributions accepted by leadership political action committees. The commission is directed to submit a report by February 1, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, which may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Public Law 2023, chapter 244 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 22, 2023.

LD 731 An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 440 repeals the provision of law that directs the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to award, through a competitive bidding process, one bidder the privilege to be licensed to conduct advance deposit wagering and instead allows commercial tracks, off-track betting facilities and account wagering providers, which are defined as business entities that offer advance deposit wagering on a horse race that is not a commercial track or an off-track betting facility licensed in this State, to obtain a license to conduct advance deposit wagering. It also provides the following.

1. Advance deposit wagering licensees are required to remit 5% of in-state gross wagering income and 5% of out-of-state gross wagering income to the board for distribution.

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2. Employees of advance deposit wagering licensees are required to be licensed.
3. Advance deposit wagering licensees that are business organization are required to be organized in this State, although that business organization may be a wholly or partially owned subsidiary of an entity organized pursuant to the laws of another state or a foreign country. Account wagering providers are exempt from this requirement.
4. In order to be licensed, a licensee must accept wagers for all live races conducted in this State and made available for simulcast.
5. Licenses to conduct advance deposit wagering are to be renewed annually and the fee for renewal is \$250.
6. A person who was a party to a contract with the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board as of January 1, 2023 authorizing that person to conduct advance deposit wagering in the State may continue to conduct advance deposit wagering pursuant to the provisions of the contract until the expiration of that contract or until that person receives a license. A party under that contract is entitled to apply for a renewal of an advance deposit wagering license without needing to pay an investigation fee.
7. The Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit is required to meet with and seek input from stakeholders on issues related to revenue implications for licensed harness racing tracks in Maine from the expansion of advance deposit wagering, including policies adopted in other states and technical capabilities of advance deposit wagering platforms. The Gambling Control Unit is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs no later than December 15, 2023.

Public Law 2023, chapter 440 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 26, 2023.

LD 740 An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 219 limits the approval of alcoholic beverage container labels by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to whether a label conforms to regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and criteria that prohibits labels that appeal to prurient interest, depict sexual or other lewd acts, lack serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value or that targets minors.

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LD 764 An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Special Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 401 provides that direct initiatives of legislation pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 and identified as L.D. 1610, "An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution," L.D. 1611, "An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility," and L.D. 1772, "An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing," if enacted during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, have an effective date of January 1, 2024, unless the direct initiative provides for an effective date later than January 1, 2024.

Public Law 2023, chapter 401 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 9, 2023.

LD 769 An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 400 reduces from 10,000 to 5,000 the minimum number of voters required to be enrolled in a party for the party to qualify to participate in an election.

LD 832 An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 365 makes the following changes to provisions in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

1. It amends the rulemaking authority of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy.
2. It amends the rulemaking process the Office of Cannabis Policy must employ when adopting or amending rules under the Act.
3. It amends the required content of a registry identification card.
4. It amends the revenue generated by application and renewal fees.

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5. It amends the identification necessary to constitute evidence of lawful conduct in the possession or use of cannabis for medical purposes and for defense to prosecution for possession or use of cannabis.
6. It clarifies the method to calculate cannabis weight.
7. It amends the penalties the Office of Cannabis Policy may impose for different violations of the Act and rules adopted pursuant to the Act.
8. It clarifies the applicability of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to the Office of Cannabis Policy's imposition of penalties under the Act.
9. It clarifies the reporting, record-keeping and labeling requirements.
10. It clarifies the inspection process.
11. It clarifies the process for the surrender and destruction of cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products.
12. It amends the Office of Cannabis Policy's reporting obligation.

LD 846 An Act to Require Direct Wine Shippers to Comply with Maine Beverage Container Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 252 requires wine shipped by direct wine shippers to comply with Maine beverage container laws beginning July 1, 2025.

LD 879 An Act to Place Restrictions on Candidate Speech and Clothing, Buttons and Other Items at Voting Places

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 109 allows a candidate, or no more than one representative of a candidate, at a voting place, to greet a voter if the candidate or representative of the candidate does not state the name of the office that the candidate is seeking in that election year or wear any button, name tag, apparel or label or have or use any item or sign displaying the candidate's name or the name of the office the candidate is seeking or otherwise express support for or opposition to a party, a candidate or a ballot question.

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LD 886 An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters with a Physical or Mental Disability and Certain Voters' Caregivers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 128 expands the list of persons who may receive an absentee ballot after the third business day before election day to include voters who self-certify as a person with a physical or mental disability and to include a voter's caregiver, who, as a result of the voter's incapacity or illness, is unable to attend the polls during the entire time the polls are open on election day. It also expands the current provision regarding voters who are residents of a coastal island ward or precinct to include any island ward or precinct.

LD 922 An Act to Clarify Required Disclosure of Personally Identifying Information for Certain Nominating Petitions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 389 requires a candidate, on primary petitions and nonparty nomination petitions, to provide a municipality of residence and removes the requirement to provide a place of residence. It also provides that upon written request by a candidate to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may treat the candidate's street name and number in connection with the candidate's consent for primary and nonparty candidates as confidential as long as the street name and number are not material to the candidate's qualifications to serve.

LD 978 An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 96 makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act.

1. It requires that rules provisionally adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Title 22, chapter 558-C may not be finally adopted by the department unless the legislation authorizing final adoption is enacted into law.
2. It classifies as major substantive rules those rules adopted to establish procedures for suspending or terminating the registration of a registered dispensary or registered caregiver.

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LD 985 Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 117 provides one-time funding from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account, in the amount of \$2,600,000, to fund ongoing operations of Maine Veterans' Homes.

LD 1012 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to change the time period for judicial review of the validity of written petitions from within 100 days from the date of filing to within 100 business days from the date of filing unless the petition is filed within 30 calendar days before or after a general election, in which case the judicial review must be completed within 100 business days after the 30th calendar day following that general election.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.

LD 1022 An Act to Extend the Time Allowed Between a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting and a Budget Validation Referendum

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 256 extends the period of time allowed between a regional school unit budget meeting and the budget referendum from on or before the 30th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting to on or before the 45th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting.

LD 1066 An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 103 allows a restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge licensed by the State to sell wine on the premises to allow a person who has purchased a full meal to provide a bottle of wine to consume on the premises. A restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge may charge a fee, not to exceed \$100 per bottle. The person may remove and transport the partially consumed bottle of wine in a manner consistent with the provisions of law

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regarding the removal and transport of a partially consumed bottle of wine purchased from a restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge.

LD 1073 An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 197 adds to the exceptions to the registration requirement for labels of malt liquor, wine, hard cider or low-alcohol spirits products sold in the State labels approved by the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. A manufacturer of products sold in this State that bear such a label is required to notify the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations of that fact.

LD 1088 An Act to Update the Gambling Laws to Allow Once-annual Game Nights for Eligible Organizations and Registered Political Committees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 391 establishes the requirements for conducting a once-annual game night and authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to accept a once-annual game night registration from an eligible organization, the proceeds from which are dedicated to a charitable purpose, or from a registered party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee, the proceeds from which are for the purpose of fund-raising. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices is required to adopt rules regarding the reporting of proceeds from a game night.

LD 1125 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Winning Lottery Tickets

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 22 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to study paying bonuses to persons licensed to sell lottery tickets for winning Powerball tickets, Mega Millions tickets and Lotto America tickets that are not grand prize winners and develop a system to pay bonuses to persons selling winning Powerball tickets, Mega Millions tickets and Lotto America tickets with prizes over \$10,000 that are not grand prize winners. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall submit a report, including any recommended legislation, no later than December 6, 2023, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

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LD 1132 An Act Regarding the Provision of Liquor at Taste-testing Events Held at an Off-premises Retail Licensee's Premises

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 349 allows for spirits served at a taste-testing event held at an agency liquor store to be provided by the agency liquor store, purchased at the retail price by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event from the existing stock of the agency liquor store or provided by a licensed sales representative or a spirits supplier participating in the taste-testing event if the spirits were purchased in the State at the retail price. A record of the transaction must be maintained and made available to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

It also allows for wine and malt liquor served at a taste-testing event held on the premises of an off-premises retail licensee to be purchased by the retail licensee from a wholesale licensee, to be purchased at the retail price by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event from existing stock available for purchase at the retail licensee's premises or to be provided by a licensed sales representative or licensed manufacturer participating in the taste-testing event if the malt liquor or wine was purchased in the State at the retail price. A record of the transaction must be maintained and made available to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

It also provides that if the liquor, wine or malt liquor provided for the taste-testing event comes from a source other than the agency liquor store or the retail licensee, the products must be removed from the premises at the conclusion of the taste-testing event.

LD 1344 An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Effective February 1, 2024, Public Law 2023, chapter 291 makes the following changes to the laws relating to automatic voter registration.

1. It provides that the deadline for receipt of voter registration applications transmitted by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the automatic voter registration law is midnight on the 7th day before election day.
2. It makes additional changes regarding when registration applications must be transmitted to the appropriate registrar's office and when registration applications must be entered into the central voter registration system and placed on the incoming voting list to align with the deadline for receipt of voter registration applications transmitted by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the automatic voter registration law.

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3. It changes the deadline for online registration applications to be transmitted by the Department of the Secretary of State to the appropriate registrar's office from daily to the next business day following receipt and provides the same deadline for those voter registration applications transmitted by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the automatic voter registration law.
4. It excludes registration applications transmitted by the deadline for registration by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or by a source agency other than the Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the automatic voter registration law from the 20-day closed period for outside registrations.

LD 1357 An Act to Impose an Expanded Prohibition on Lobbying for Former Executive Branch Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 337 prohibits, beginning with the convening of the 132nd Legislature, former executive branch employees and officers, including former officers or employees in the classified service, former employees in the unclassified service and persons who held a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor or that is a major policy-influencing position, from engaging in compensated lobbying until one year after the termination of the executive branch employment.

It also provides that a person may file a complaint with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices specifying an alleged violation of the prohibition on former executive branch employee lobbying. The commission is required to notify the person against whom the complaint has been filed and may undertake the investigation of the alleged violation. The commission may direct commission staff to undertake an investigation of an alleged violation on its own motion. A person who intentionally violates the prohibition on former executive branch employee lobbying is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000, payable to the State and recoverable in a civil action.

LD 1371 An Act to Amend Limits on the Direct Shipment of Wine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 274 changes the minimum allowable shipment limit for a container of wine to not less than 250 milliliters. It also clarifies that a direct shipper may ship no more than 9,000 milliliters per shipment no more than 12 times to any one recipient address in a calendar year.

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LD 1378 An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 269 allows a qualified catering service to provide liquor at functions or events held at wineries, small wineries, breweries, small breweries, distilleries or small distilleries as long as the catering service files an application at least 24 hours in advance of the function or event on a form provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. A winery, small winery, brewery, small brewery, distillery or small distillery may host on the premises up to four times in a seven-day period a function or event where a qualified catering service provides the service of liquor.

Public Law 2023, chapter 269 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

LD 1477 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 3 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to remove the requirement that a circulator of a citizen's initiative or people's veto petition be a resident of this State and a registered voter in this State, which have been found to be unconstitutional by a federal court.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 3 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.

LD 1523 An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 202 establishes the Qualifying Condition Review Board to accept and review applications from veterans with a discharge characterization of less than an honorable discharge who believe the discharge characterization was based on the veteran's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression; conduct associated with a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or acquired brain injury; or conduct or circumstances relating to being a victim of military sexual assault. The board has three members, appointed by the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, all of whom must have relevant clinical experience working with veterans. A veteran whose

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application is approved by the Qualifying Condition Review Board and the Director is eligible for all the rights, privileges and benefits granted to veterans under Maine law.

LD 1568 An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 320 provides that interfering with a voter attempting to cast a vote, which is a Class E crime, includes knowingly blocking or attempting to block a voter's access to a secured drop box. It also provides that, during the absentee voting period, to the extent possible, a municipality must ensure that a path to each secured drop box is clear of all barriers.

LD 1597 Resolve, to Establish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 95 establishes the 10-member Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission to study the impacts of exposure to harmful chemicals on veterans who served at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. The commission shall submit a report, no later than December 6, 2023, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs with its findings, recommendations and any suggested legislation.

LD 1627 An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 279 reduces the number of days lobbyists, lobbyist associates and employers have to register as lobbyists after lobbying more than eight hours in a calendar month on behalf of an employer from 15 business days to 10 calendar days.

LD 1630 An Act Regarding Campaign Finance and Lobbying Disclosure and Enforcement of Income Source Reporting Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 324 makes the following changes to the administration of campaign finance and lobbyist disclosure laws by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and the enforcement of income reporting requirements.

1. It provides for a preliminary penalty for when a Legislator or a legislative candidate does not file a statement of sources of income on time, which may be waived by the commission, of \$100 for a legislative candidate or \$250 for a Legislator.

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2. It increases penalties by \$50 per report when a lobbyist repeatedly files monthly reports late during a lobbying year.
3. It eliminates authority for the commission to meet by telephone and the requirement for the commission to be open during the last weekend before elections.
4. It amends the standard by which the commission may disclose financial or campaign information in a commission decision or investigative report by staff.
5. It authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to collect three times the amount owed when a court action is necessary to collect an unpaid penalty or repayment of Maine Clean Election Act funds.
6. It requires text messages that advocate for the election or defeat of a candidate and that are transmitted through a paid-for mass distribution technology to disclose the person that paid for the messages.
7. It directs the commission to consider the text and other objective elements of a communication distributed close to an election, including, if the communication is a digital communication, any links to publicly accessible websites related to the nomination, election or defeat of a candidate, when deciding whether the costs of the communication qualify as independent expenditures.
8. It eliminates the \$25,000 limit an individual may contribute in aggregate to state candidates in a calendar year.
9. It allows a person filing an independent expenditure report to make an online affirmation that the expense was not coordinated with the candidate named in the report rather than submitting a statement made under oath or affirmation.
10. It authorizes the automatic waiver of penalties of less than \$25 for filing a campaign finance report late.
11. It eliminates the authorization for candidates and political committees to file a campaign finance report after a deadline if a faxed version is submitted before the deadline.
12. It requires a political communication to influence ballot question elections that is a digital communication costing more than \$500 and includes a link to a publicly accessible website expressly advocating for or against an initiative or referendum that is on the ballot to clearly and conspicuously state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure, unless the digital communication is excluded from this requirement because compliance is impracticable due to size or character limitations.
13. It confirms that a candidate's submission of fraudulent qualifying contributions is a violation of the Maine Clean Election Act.

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14. It requires a Maine Clean Election Act candidate to obtain and submit a record of labor performed by any member of campaign staff each day the member of the campaign staff is compensated more than \$3,000.

A provision authorizing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to deposit penalties for late filing by political action committees and ballot question committees in an existing special revenue account to pay for improvements to the commission's electronic filing systems, which was proposed in the original version of LD 1630, was not included in Public Law 2023, chapter 324, but was instead incorporated into the biennial budget, enacted as Public Law 2023, chapter 412, part SSS. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, LD 258.

LD 1653 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 4 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow persons under guardianship to be electors for Governor, Senators and Representatives by removing the provision prohibiting such action, which has been found by the United States District Court for the District of Maine to violate the United States Constitution and federal law.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 4 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.

LD 1690 An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Effective December 31, 2025, Public Law 2023, chapter 404 makes the following changes to the provisions of law regarding ongoing absentee voter status.

1. It removes the requirement that an ongoing absentee voter be a voter who will be at least 65 years of age by the next election or who self identifies as having a disability.
2. It removes the requirement that the procedures for application for status as an ongoing absentee voter must include a process for notifying the voter that if the voter moves out of the municipality, that voter's status as an ongoing absentee voter in that municipality terminates.
3. It removes the requirement that the clerk or Secretary of State shall terminate a voter's ongoing absentee voter status upon the failure of the voter to vote by absentee ballot for a general election.

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LD 1783 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 474 implements the following recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma.

1. The Adjutant General is required to submit an annual report, beginning December 6, 2023, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs that includes the following information.
 - A. The aggregate number of new members of the Maine National Guard in the previous year, broken down by gender.
 - B. The aggregate discharge numbers of Maine National Guard members in the previous year, broken down by gender.
 - C. The aggregate promotion rates of Maine National Guard members in the previous year, broken down by gender.
 - D. The aggregate data or coded reason for discharge of all Maine National Guard members discharged in the previous year, broken down by gender.
 - E. The percentage of Maine National Guard member reporting sexual harassment and sexual assault in the previous year as measured by an anonymous survey, broken down by gender.
 - F. The number of restricted and unrestricted reports of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Maine National Guard by year, broken down by gender of the reporting party.
2. A full-time or part-time member of the Maine National Guard in active status who reports being a victim of a sexual assault or sexual harassment by another member of the Maine National Guard must be granted paid leave, upon request, pending completion of the investigation.
3. A full-time or part-time member of the Maine National Guard in active status who is the responding party in an investigation of sexual assault or sexual harassment by another member of the Maine National Guard must be placed on paid leave pending completion of the investigation, unless an alternative arrangement is agreed to by the reporting party.
4. A current or former member of the Maine National Guard who submits an unrestricted report of sexual harassment or sexual assault to the Maine National Guard is entitled to compensation under the Victims' Compensation Fund established in Title 5, chapter 316-A.

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Public Law 2023, chapter 474 provides one-time funding to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in the amount of \$80,000, for paid leave costs that are not otherwise reimbursed by another entity.

LD 1880 An Act to Amend the Adult Use Cannabis Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 396 makes the following changes to the Cannabis Legalization Act and the provisions of Title 28-B applicable to the personal use and cultivation of adult use cannabis and cannabis products.

1. It makes the home address, telephone number and e-mail address of an applicant under the Cannabis Legalization Act, an employee of an applicant and all natural persons having a direct or indirect financial interest in the applied-for licenses confidential.
2. It allows cannabis plants, cannabis flower, cannabis trim, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products to be returned by a licensee to the licensee from whom the item was received provided the licensee returning the item tracks the item until it is transferred.
3. It allows a cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility to deliver immature cannabis plants, seedlings, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products to any location in a municipality, except locations within a safe zone designated by a municipality under Title 30-A, section 3253.
4. It provides that a cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility may deliver to a hotel or business only if written consent to such delivery is given by an authorized employee of the hotel or business.
5. It provides that a municipality may not prohibit delivery of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products authorized to be delivered under Title 28-B, section 504.
6. It provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may limit, by rule, the mandatory testing required for adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis returned pursuant to Title 28-B, chapter 1.
7. It establishes the per package THC limit for edible cannabis products at 200 milligrams.
8. It sets the amount of cannabis concentrate in cannabis or combination of cannabis and cannabis concentrate that may be used, possessed or transported at any one time for personal use to 10 grams.
9. It allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adopt rules with specific limitations on signs, advertising and marketing to minimize the appeal to persons under 21 years of age.

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10. It allows advertisements and marketing of a cannabis business, cannabis and cannabis products to include the display of a sign on the licensed premises and on the exterior of a motor vehicle of a cannabis business.

LD 1980 An Act to Improve Election Laws and Notarial Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 304 makes the following changes, including other necessary technical changes, to the laws governing elections and notarial acts.

1. Part A does the following.
 - A. It provides that the elections division of the Secretary of State's office is responsible for processing voter registration applications for voters enrolled in the Address Confidentiality Program and for creating the voter records in the central voter registration system. It also provides that the elections division is responsible for mailing the absentee ballots for statewide elections to the voters in the Address Confidentiality Program, while the municipal clerk must mail the absentee ballots for local elections to these voters.
 - B. It changes the effective date and implementation date of the laws governing online voter registration to no later than February 1, 2024.
 - C. It removes the requirement for municipal clerks to attend the biennial party caucuses in the even-numbered years.
 - D. It allows political parties to hold virtual biennial municipal caucuses rather than in-person caucuses.
 - E. It provides that primary candidates may file their candidate consent either with their primary petitions or prior to filing their primary petitions with the Secretary of State.
 - F. It provides that nonparty candidates may file their candidate consent either with their nomination petitions or prior to filing their nomination petitions with the Secretary of State.
 - G. It allows for the candidate consent and certificate of nomination for a replacement candidate to be submitted to the Secretary of State via scanned image or facsimile.
 - H. It allows for candidates to submit a withdrawal notice to the Secretary of State via scanned image or facsimile.
 - I. It prohibits a person from taking a photograph of another person in the voting place if the person taking the photograph is closer than 15 feet from the person being photographed.

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- J. It clarifies how a voter must mark a ballot to cast a write-in vote.
- K. It changes the deadline for a write-in candidate to file that candidate's written declaration of write-in candidacy to either with the candidate's nomination or petition or at any earlier time during which signatures may be collected.
- L. It removes batch elimination from the ranked-choice voting process and requires the Secretary of State to post the complete cast vote record on its publicly accessible website as soon as the certified results are reported.
- M. It requires the Secretary of State to use sworn law enforcement officers for the secure retrieval of ballots prior to a recount. It clarifies that ballot retrieval may be conducted in stages for a recount that involves multiple counties.
- N. It changes the effective date and implementation date of the laws governing ongoing absentee ballots to no later than February 1, 2024.
- O. It removes the requirement that the list of absentee voters created for each election must contain a notation of whether the application was accepted or rejected.
- P. It changes the reference from denial of an absentee ballot application to rejection of an application and provides that the voter may be notified of the rejection in writing or by e-mail.
- Q. It provides that a municipal clerk may begin processing absentee ballots starting at 7 a.m. on any day that the clerk processes ballots prior to election day.
- R. It requires the Secretary of State to post the list of municipalities that have opted to process absentee ballots prior to election day on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website at least one week prior to the date on which early processing of absentee ballots may begin.
- S. It allows the Secretary of State to adopt major substantive rules related to the inspection of absentee ballot applications and envelopes before they are processed.
- T. It changes the deadline by which a member of the public must submit that member's request to a municipal clerk to inspect absentee ballots and envelopes before they are processed to 4 p.m. on the day prior to each day the clerk will process absentee ballots.
- U. It changes the deadline by which uniformed service voters or overseas voters may register to vote to prior to noon on the day before election day.
- V. It changes the deadline by which uniformed service voters or overseas voters may request an absentee ballot to prior to noon on the day before election day.
- W. It removes the requirement that a circulator for a citizen's initiative or people's veto petition be a Maine resident and a registered Maine voter.

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2. Part B does the following.
 - A. It provides that if a notarial act regarding a tangible record is performed by a notarial officer, an official stamp may be affixed to or embossed on the certificate and that if a notarial act regarding an electronic record is performed by a notary public and the certificate contains certain information, an official stamp must be attached to or logically associated with the certificate.
 - B. It provides for a fee of \$25 for filing a new or renewal application for a marriage officiant license.
 - C. It provides for a fee of \$250 for filing a new or renewal application for approval to be a provider of communication technology used to perform remote or electronic notarization.
3. Part C removes the provision of law requiring plantations to submit the names of the elected assessors and clerks to the Secretary of State.

Public Law 2023, chapter 304 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 26, 2023.

LD 1984 An Act to Allow Golf Courses to Obtain a License to Conduct Off-premises Catering

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 285 allows golf courses licensed to provide liquor to obtain a license to conduct off-premises catering with the same type of liquor that the golf course is licensed to provide.

Public Law 2023, chapter 285 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

LD 1987 An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Calais Armory

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 296 authorizes the Adjutant General to sell the Calais Armory, located at 53 Calais Avenue in Calais, Maine, by means of a quitclaim deed provided the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the armory.