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

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| LD 613 | An Act To Amend the Adult Use Marijuana Program Rules and Make Other Technical Changes | ONTP |
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LD 1643 An Act To Correct Errors, Inconsistencies and Conflicts in and To Revise the State's Liquor Laws CARRIED OVER

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LD 194 An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Government-owned Entities To Influence Referenda Veto Sustained

LD 413 An Act To Apply the Same Auditing Standards to All Candidates and Political Action Committees ONTP

LD 479 An Act To Ban Foreign Campaign Contributions and Expenditures in Maine Elections ONTP

LD 526 An Act To Require an Affidavit for Every Independent Expenditure Influencing an Election and To Penalize the Use of Mistruths ONTP

LD 641 An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Nationals To Influence Referenda ONTP

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Not Enacted

- LD 1308 An Act To Allow the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard To Request Quick Response Funds from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund after Receiving Authorization from the Governor ONTP
- LD 1537 An Act To Restore Funding to the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery ONTP

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- LD 1575 An Act To Improve Maine's Election Laws PUBLIC 246

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- LD 148 An Act To Establish Ongoing Absentee Voting CARRIED OVER
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Not Enacted

LD 109	An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Enacted

LD 1363	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections	PUBLIC 273
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LD 1575 An Act To Improve Maine's Election Laws PUBLIC 246

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LD 109 An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot Majority (ONTP) Report

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LD 580 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting Died Between Houses

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LD 1099 An Act Regarding Election Reform ONTP

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LD 641	An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Nationals To Influence Referenda	ONTP
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Elections, Voter Privacy

Enacted

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Not Enacted

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LD 456	An Act To Protect Voter Identification by Prohibiting a Voter's Party Designation from Appearing on Absentee Ballot Envelopes	ONTP
LD 941	An Act To Protect the Privacy of Absentee Voters	Majority (ONTP) Report

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Enacted

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LD 557	An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Not Enacted

LD 685	An Act To Legalize Online Raffles for Nonprofit Organizations	ONTP
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LD 1037 An Act To Enable Nonprofit Organizations To Offer Raffle Tickets by Mail ONTP

Gambling, Casinos and Slot Machines

Enacted

LD 16 An Act To Change the Renewal Application Deadline from 6 Months to 60 Days before the Expiration of a License Issued by the Gambling Control Board PUBLIC 22

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LD 1060 An Act To Increase the State Revenue from Casino Net Income, Reallocate the State Distribution and Provide Tax Uniformity ONTP

Gambling, Generally

Not Enacted

LD 554 An Act To Create Gaming Equity and Fairness for the Native American Tribes in Maine Veto Sustained

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Not Enacted

LD 587 An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons To Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 623 An Act To Amend the Advance Deposit Wagering Laws ONTP

LD 860 An Act To Clarify the Laws Concerning Off-track Betting Facility Licenses Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1205 An Act To Ensure Equitable Taxation of Off-track Betting Facilities Majority (ONTP) Report

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LD 1308 An Act To Allow the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard To Request Quick Response Funds from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund after Receiving Authorization from the Governor ONTP

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LD 1319 An Act Regarding Registered Dispensaries and Rules under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and the Definition of "Resident" in the Marijuana Legalization Act Died On Adjournment

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LD 656 An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Office of Marijuana Policy ONTP

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LD 173 An Act To Restore Honor to Certain Service Members PUBLIC 37

LD 658 An Act To Provide Funding for 2 Veteran Service Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services PUBLIC 429

LD 693 An Act To Make the Pilot Program Providing Mental Health Case Management Services to Veterans a Permanent Program PUBLIC 430

LD 1111 An Act To Update the Statutes Governing Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes PUBLIC 238

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LD 542 Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine CARRIED OVER

LD 588 Resolve, To Study Veterans' Benefits in Maine ONTP

LD 619 An Act To Allow Christine Pratt To Be Buried at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery CARRIED OVER

LD 827 An Act To Help Veterans Access Jobs, Education and Housing ONTP

LD 1495 An Act To Help Veterans Who Are Caregivers of Children with Special Needs and of Family Members To Optimize Their Respite Hours ONTP

LD 1537 An Act To Restore Funding to the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery ONTP

DIGEST OF BILLS AND SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS
130th Legislature, First Regular and First Special Sessions - 2021

DIGEST OF BILLS

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Bills Referred to

Veterans and Legal Affairs (VLA)

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VLA	16	An Act To Change the Renewal Application Deadline from 6 Months to 60 Days before the Expiration of a License Issued by the Gambling Control Board	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Enacted	PL	22	R1
VLA	53	An Act To Limit Political Advertising	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	59	An Act To Define the Term "Unenrolled Political Action Committee"	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	102	An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		Enacted	PL	11	R1
VLA	107	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			R1
VLA	109	An Act To Facilitate Fair Ballot Representation for All Candidates By Allowing a Candidate's Nickname To Appear on the Ballot	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	112	An Act To Facilitate the Timely and Accurate Counting of Absentee Ballots By Extending the Processing Period	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1
VLA	139	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapters 33 to 43, Concerning the Regulation of Fantasy Contests, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	7	R1
VLA	148	An Act To Establish Ongoing Absentee Voting	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table				S1
VLA	157	An Act Regarding the Fair Representation of Candidate Identities	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1
VLA	173	An Act To Restore Honor to Certain Service Members	Reported Out	OTP		Enacted	PL	37	R1

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VLA	194	An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Government-owned Entities To Influence Referenda	Reported Out	ONTP-AM/ ONTP		Veto Sustained			S1
VLA	202	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table				S1
VLA	205	An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go	Reported Out	OTP-AM		<u>Emergency Enacted</u>	PL	3	R1
VLA	208	An Act To Expand Access to Absentee Ballots	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	231	An Act To Establish Semi-open Primaries	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table				S1
VLA	253	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	301	An Act Regarding Adult Use Marijuana	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	303	An Act To Establish Semi-open Primary Elections To Allow Unenrolled Voters To Participate	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	306	An Act To Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements for Relicensing for Restaurants That Serve Liquor	Reported Out	OTP-AM		<u>Emergency Enacted</u>	PL	7	R1
VLA	307	An Act To Expand the Market for Maine Liquor Manufacturers	Reported Out	OTP-AM		<u>Emergency Enacted</u>	PL	8	R1
VLA	353	An Act To Establish Medical Marijuana Cooperatives	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	378	An Act To Temporarily Waive Renewal Fees for On-premises Retail Liquor Licenses	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table				S1

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VLA	451	An Act To Remove the Party Designation from Return Envelopes for Absentee Ballots for the General Election	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
VLA	456	An Act To Protect Voter Identification by Prohibiting a Voter's Party Designation from Appearing on Absentee Ballot Envelopes	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	479	An Act To Ban Foreign Campaign Contributions and Expenditures in Maine Elections	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
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VLA	526	An Act To Require an Affidavit for Every Independent Expenditure Influencing an Election and To Penalize the Use of Mistruths	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	542	Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table				S1
VLA	554	An Act To Create Gaming Equity and Fairness for the Native American Tribes in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		Veto Sustained			S1
VLA	557	An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	580	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		Died Between Houses			S1

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VLA	588	Resolve, To Study Veterans' Benefits in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	591	An Act Regarding Agency Liquor Store Licensing	Reported Out	ONTP/OTP-AM	<u>Enacted</u>	PL	172	S1
VLA	605	An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM	<u>Emergency Enacted</u>	PL	226	S1
VLA	613	An Act To Amend the Adult Use Marijuana Program Rules and Make Other Technical Changes	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	619	An Act To Allow Christine Pratt To Be Buried at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1
VLA	623	An Act To Amend the Advance Deposit Wagering Laws	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	625	Resolve, Directing a Review of Crucial Needs and Lapses in Responding to and Preventing Sexual Trauma in the Maine National Guard	Reported Out	OTP-AM	<u>Finally Passed</u>	RESLV	21	S1
VLA	638	An Act To Ensure the Timely and Transparent Delivery of Unofficial Election Results in Maine	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	641	An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Nationals To Influence Referenda	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	656	An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Office of Marijuana Policy	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	658	An Act To Provide Funding for 2 Veteran Service Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services	Reported Out	OTP-AM	<u>Enacted</u>	PL	429	S1
VLA	664	An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Maine Clean Election Program	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1

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VLA	670	An Act To Increase the Lobbyist Registration Fee	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	114	S1
VLA	671	An Act To Allow the Sale of Raffle Tickets Online	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	136	S1
VLA	685	An Act To Legalize Online Raffles for Nonprofit Organizations	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	693	An Act To Make the Pilot Program Providing Mental Health Case Management Services to Veterans a Permanent Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	430	S1
VLA	706	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	714	An Act To Support the Recovery of Maine's Distilleries by Allowing the Sale of Cocktails for On-premises Consumption	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	91	S1
VLA	732	An Act To Refund 50 Percent of 2020 State Liquor Licensing Fees to Nonprofit Organizations	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1
VLA	818	An Act To Limit Spam Texting	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	823	An Act To Reduce State Licensing Fees for Maine Bars and Restaurants by 50 Percent for a 12-month Period	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1
VLA	827	An Act To Help Veterans Access Jobs, Education and Housing	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	860	An Act To Clarify the Laws Concerning Off-track Betting Facility Licenses	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	881	An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Emergency Enacted	PL	251	S1
VLA	882	Resolve, To Direct the Office of Marijuana Policy To Convene Stakeholder Meetings Regarding the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Finally Passed	RESLV	95	S1
VLA	914	An Act To Meet the State's Obligation To Pay 55 Percent of Education Costs	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1

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VLA	916	An Act To Protect Data Privacy and Security in Elections	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Enacted	PL	310	S1
VLA	921	An Act To Eliminate Maine Clean Election Act Funding for Candidates in Gubernatorial Races	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	929	An Act To Address Funding for Maine Clean Elections	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	930	An Act To Revise Reporting Requirements for Maine Clean Election Act Expenditures	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	939	An Act To Support Maine's Medical Marijuana Program and Ensure Patient Access	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Enacted	PL	367	S1
VLA	941	An Act To Protect the Privacy of Absentee Voters	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	948	An Act To Support Boys and Girls Clubs through Lottery Revenue	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	981	An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Maine Clean Election Act by Limiting the Amount of Money Paid to Political Operatives	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	1013	An Act To Provide Absentee Ballot Tracking for Maine Voters	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1029	An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act and the Laws Governing the Taxation of Marijuana	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1037	An Act To Enable Nonprofit Organizations To Offer Raffle Tickets by Mail	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			R1
VLA	1060	An Act To Increase the State Revenue from Casino Net Income, Reallocate the State Distribution and Provide Tax Uniformity	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1061	An Act To Protect Minor Political Parties That Seek To Retain Qualified Party Status	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP/ OTP-AM	Enacted	PL	335	S1

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VLA	1083	An Act To Create a Voter Identification System	Reported	ONTP/ OTP-AM/ OTP-AM		Accepted Report A (ONTP)			S1
VLA	1093	An Act To Expand the Options for Shipping Wine Directly to Customers	Reported	Out ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1099	An Act Regarding Election Reform	Reported	Out ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1111	An Act To Update the Statutes Governing Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes	Reported	Out OTP-AM		<u>Enacted</u>	PL	238	S1
VLA	1121	An Act To Create an Open and Streamlined Primary System	Reported	Out ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1125	An Act To Define "Leadership Political Action Committee"	Reported	Out ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1126	An Act To Update the Voter Registration Process	Reported	Out OTP-AM/ ONTP/ OTP-AM		<u>Enacted</u>	PL	439	S1
VLA	1155	An Act To Require Election Transparency and Audits	Reported	Out OTP-AM/ OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table				S1
VLA	1164	An Act To Expand the Application Period for Absentee Ballot Requests and Allow Early Processing of Absentee Ballots	Reported	Out ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1165	An Act To Provide Secured Drop Boxes for Absentee Ballots	Reported	Out ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1178	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit the Consideration of a People's Veto at a Presidential Primary	Reported	Out OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table				S1
VLA	1205	An Act To Ensure Equitable Taxation of Off-track Betting Facilities	Reported	Out ONTP/ OTP-AM		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1

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VLA	1242	An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Emergency Enacted	PL	387	S1
VLA	1249	An Act Regarding the Testing and Safety of Marijuana and Marijuana Products	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1272	An Act To Eliminate Limits on the Number of Taste-testing Events for Beer, Wine and Spirits	Reported Out	OTP	Enacted	PL	131	S1
VLA	1276	An Act To Ensure All Legal Voters Are Able To Participate in Elections	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1284	An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and Related Laws	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1285	An Act To Require an Official Declaration of War or a Congressional Action To Call Out the State Militia before the Maine National Guard Is Released for Combat Duty	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1308	An Act To Allow the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard To Request Quick Response Funds from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund after Receiving Authorization from the Governor	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1319	An Act Regarding Registered Dispensaries and Rules under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and the Definition of "Resident" in the Marijuana Legalization Act	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM	Died On Adjournment			S1
VLA	1330	An Act To Join the National Popular Vote Compact	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1352	An Act To Regulate Sports Betting	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM/ OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table			S1
VLA	1354	Resolve, To Study the Establishment of a System of Voting by Mail	Reported Out	ONTP	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1358	An Act To Provide for the Direct Shipment of Spirits to Consumers	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm			S1

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VLA	1363	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		<u>Enacted</u>	PL	273	S1
VLA	1375	An Act To Permit Online Absentee Voting	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1377	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure and the Filing of Statements of Sources of Income	Reported Out	OTP-AM		<u>Enacted</u>	PL	132	S1
VLA	1384	An Act To Adopt the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1404	An Act To Legalize Sports Betting and Strengthen Public Education	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1405	An Act To Regulate, Tax and Control Sports Wagering	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1414	An Act To Prohibit Candidates for President or Federal Office from Donating to State Political Action Committees	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1417	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reform	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		<u>Enacted</u>	PL	274	S1
VLA	1434	An Act Regarding Controlled Entry Areas within Retail Marijuana Stores	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		<u>Enacted</u>	PL	314	S1
VLA	1442	An Act Regarding Publicly Financed Legislative Candidates in Competitive Primaries	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1445	An Act To Require the Testing of Marijuana for Medical Use	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1452	An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Advertising and Marketing of Adult Use Marijuana	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1485	An Act to Modify the Requirements for Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees	Reported Out	OTP-AM		<u>Enacted</u>	PL	217	S1

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VLA	1492	An Act To Provide More Choice for Maine Consumers in the Purchase of Spirits	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1495	An Act To Help Veterans Who Are Caregivers of Children with Special Needs and of Family Members To Optimize Their Respite Hours	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1496	An Act To Establish the Board of Canvassers for Certifying Election Results	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			S1
VLA	1518	An Act To Support Maine's Tasting Rooms and Restaurants during the COVID-19 Pandemic	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1527	An Act To Ensure Proper Oversight of Sports Betting in the State	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1537	An Act To Restore Funding to the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1558	An Act To Require Campaign Finance Reports for State and County Candidates Other Than Governor To Be Filed on the 42nd Day before Any Election	Reported Out	ONTP		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			S1
VLA	1575	An Act To Improve Maine's Election Laws	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP		Enacted	PL	246	S1
VLA	1589	An Act To Ensure Equity in the Membership of the Marijuana Advisory Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Enacted	PL	363	S1
VLA	1620	An Act To Support Maine Theaters by Expanding Eligibility for Off-premises Catering Licenses	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Emergency Enacted	PL	76	S1
VLA	1621	An Act To Reform Payments to Legislators by Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Enacted	PL	276	S1
VLA	1642	An Act Regarding Local Option Elections	Reported Out	OTP-AM		Emergency Enacted	PL	137	S1
VLA	1643	An Act To Correct Errors, Inconsistencies and Conflicts in and To Revise the State's Liquor Laws	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1
VLA	1726	An Act To Increase Transparency in Political Communications	Carry Over Approved		Carried Over In Comm				S1

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LD 16 An Act To Change the Renewal Application Deadline from 6 Months to 60 Days before the Expiration of a License Issued by the Gambling Control Board

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 22 makes the following changes to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, chapter 31, which governs the licensure and regulation of slot machine facilities, casinos and advance deposit wagering by the Gambling Control Board.

1. It changes the deadline for submitting a license-renewal application from six months to 60 days prior to the expiration of the current license.
2. It clarifies that a licensed slot machine operator or casino operator must first seek local approval for renewal of the license before submitting a license-renewal application to the board.
3. It corrects an inconsistency in the law by clarifying that licenses to conduct advance deposit wagering are effective for five years.

LD 102 An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 11 authorizes the processing of absentee ballots beginning on the seventh day immediately prior to election day rather than beginning on the fourth day immediately prior to election day as in current law. It further provides that, if a municipal clerk intends to process absentee ballots prior to election day, the municipal clerk must send a notice of early processing to the Secretary of State and to the chair of each political party 30 days before election day rather than 60 days before election day as in current law.

LD 139 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapters 33 to 43, Concerning the Regulation of Fantasy Contests, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 7 authorizes final adoption of the following major substantive rules of the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit, which govern the operation of fantasy contests in the State, only if the rules are amended to clarify whether a licensed fantasy contest operator's gross fantasy contest revenues will be calculated on a calendar-year basis or over the 12-month term of the license and only if a number of other specified technical changes to the rules are made prior to adoption: Chapter 33, Introduction; Chapter 34, Definitions; Chapter 35, License Application; Chapter 36, License Fee and Renewal; Chapter 37, Fantasy Contest Monitoring;

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Chapter 38, Fantasy Contest Account Activity; Chapter 39, Registration of Fantasy Contestants; Chapter 40, Fantasy Contestant Funds and Required Reserves; Chapter 41, Licensee Records, Annual Reporting and Audits; Chapter 42, Collection of Payments; and Chapter 43, Complaints and Disciplinary Actions.

Resolve 2021, chapter 7 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 7, 2021.

LD 173 An Act To Restore Honor to Certain Service Members

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 37 requires the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a process for a veteran who separated from service without an honorable discharge due solely to the veteran's sexual orientation or gender identity or to statements, consensual sexual conduct or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation or gender identity to have that discharge treated as an honorable discharge for purposes of determining the veteran's eligibility for rights, privileges and benefits under state law.

Public Law 2021, chapter 37 further requires the director to explore whether other states have established processes for reviewing and potentially upgrading the discharge status, for state law purposes, of veterans who have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury or who have been diagnosed with psychological trauma resulting from sexual assault or sexual harassment during military service as described in 38 United States Code, Section 1720D and who separated from service without an honorable discharge. The director is required to report, no later than January 15, 2022, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs on both the potential for implementing such a process in the State and the resources that would be required to implement the process. The committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the director's report.

LD 205 An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 3 temporarily permits, until September 10, 2022, a licensed on-premise retailer of spirits, wine or malt liquor to sell the type or types of liquor that it is authorized to sell for on-premises consumption to customers for off-premises consumption if the liquor is accompanied by a food order that consists of a hot or cold meal. A licensed on-premises retailer may sell malt liquor for off-premises consumption only in an original container, may sell spirits for off-premises consumption only as an ingredient of an approved cocktail and may sell wine for off-premises consumption either in an original container or as an ingredient in an approved cocktail. An approved cocktail must be prepared on the day of sale by the licensee's employee, may contain no more than four-and-one-half ounces of spirits and must be sealed in an approved,

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tamper-evident container bearing a label identifying the licensee, the date of preparation and the cocktail's ingredients.

Public Law 2021, chapter 3 also temporarily permits, until September 10, 2022, a licensed Maine distillery or small distillery that operates a tasting room but that does not operate a licensed on-premises retail establishment to sell the spirits it manufactures for off-premises consumption as an ingredient of an approved cocktail. An approved cocktail sold by a licensed Maine distillery or small distillery need not be accompanied by a food order and may contain wine and spirits products not manufactured by the distillery or small distillery as long as those ingredients were purchased from an agency liquor store licensed as a reselling agent.

An employee of an on-premises retailer, distillery or small distillery may deliver liquor sold for off-premises consumption at the licensed premises or at a remote location as long as the individual making the delivery verifies that the person to whom the delivery is made is at least 21 years of age. If liquor is delivered to a customer at a remote location, the employee making the delivery must also be at least 21 years of age.

Public Law 2021, chapter 3 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

LD 306 An Act To Temporarily Waive Certain Requirements for Relicensing for Restaurants That Serve Liquor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 7 temporarily exempts restaurants and other entities seeking to renew an on-premises retail liquor license that expires on or before January 1, 2022 from any applicable statutory requirement that a certain percentage or dollar amount of the entity's income during the previous year must have been from the sale of food. If the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations denied an on-premises retail license renewal application between January 1, 2021 and the effective date of this legislation solely on the basis that the licensee failed to comply with an applicable statutory food-sales requirement, Public Law 2021, chapter 7 directs the bureau to grant the license renewal.

Public Law 2021, chapter 7 also requires the bureau to grant a 90-day license extension to each on-premises retail liquor licensee that had an active license during the entire period beginning March 18, 2020 and ending June 16, 2020, during which restaurants were required to close their dine-in facilities due to the public health emergency created by COVID-19.

Public Law 2021, chapter 7 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

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LD 307 An Act To Expand the Market for Maine Liquor Manufacturers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 8 clarifies that a Maine manufacturer of spirits, wine, malt liquor or low-alcohol spirits products may sell and ship its products to a person located in another state, as long as the sale and shipment are both authorized by and conducted in accordance with the requirements of the law of the state where the shipment is delivered. Spirits produced by a Maine manufacturer and sold either to an out-of-state distributor for resale in another state or directly to a consumer in another state are exempt from Maine's consumer's tax and wine, malt liquor and low-alcohol spirits products produced by a Maine manufacturer and sold either to an out-of-state wholesaler for resale in another state or directly to a consumer in another state are exempt from Maine's excise tax. Public Law 2021, chapter 8 also makes technical changes to the laws governing these taxes to remove internal inconsistencies and ambiguities.

Public Law 2021, chapter 8 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

LD 591 An Act Regarding Agency Liquor Store Licensing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 172 authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue an additional agency liquor store license in each municipality with a population over 20,000. Accordingly, under Public Law 2021, chapter 172, the bureau may issue up to 12 agency liquor store licenses in a municipality with a population over 60,000; up to 11 agency liquor store licenses in a municipality with a population between 45,001 and 60,000; up to 10 agency liquor store licenses in a municipality with a population between 30,001 and 45,000; and up to nine agency liquor store licenses in a municipality with a population between 20,001 and 30,000.

LD 605 An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 226 makes the following changes to the laws governing adult use marijuana.

1. It amends the definitions of "marijuana trim" and "mother plant."
2. It expands the permitted uses of the Adult Use Marijuana Public Health and Safety Fund.
3. It exempts sample collector licensees from the requirement to register with the State Tax Assessor to collect and remit sales tax.

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4. It removes the repeal of the law providing for licensee self-sampling of marijuana for the purpose of mandatory testing.

Public Law 2021, chapter 226 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2021.

LD 625 Resolve, Directing a Review of Crucial Needs and Lapses in Responding to and Preventing Sexual Trauma in the Maine National Guard

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 21 directs the Adjutant General to review the implementation of the recommendations made in the report submitted pursuant to Resolve 2013, chapter 66 regarding the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of sexual assault by members of the Maine National Guard and the appropriate treatment of Maine National Guard members who are victims of sexual assault. The Adjutant General must submit a report on the results of the review to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by March 1, 2022 that includes suggested legislation and that identifies any crucial needs and lapses in responding to and preventing military sexual trauma.

LD 658 An Act To Provide Funding for 2 Veteran Service Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 429 provides ongoing funding for two new veteran service officer positions in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.

LD 670 An Act To Increase the Lobbyist Registration Fee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 114 increases from \$200 to \$250 the fee that a lobbyist must pay to register to lobby on behalf of each of the lobbyist's employers and increases from \$100 to \$125 the fee for each lobbyist associate who is included in the registration. The law also newly authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to waive these fees, in whole or in part, if the commission determines that the fees constitute an economic hardship to the lobbyist's employer.

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LD 671 An Act To Allow the Sale of Raffle Tickets Online

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 136 authorizes an agricultural society, bona fide nonprofit organization, volunteer fire department or auxiliary to register with the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to operate a raffle for which entrants purchase tickets over the Internet under the following conditions.

1. The Internet raffle must be conducted by a licensed Internet raffle operator using a mobile application or digital electronic platform that has been certified by the Gambling Control Unit or an approved independent testing laboratory. An Internet raffle operator may not retain more than 10% of the raffle proceeds as payment for conducting an Internet raffle.
2. Only persons who are at least 18 years of age and who are physically located within the State may purchase an Internet raffle ticket. Internet raffles may not be marketed to minors and the mobile application or digital electronic platform must facilitate the use of parental controls to prevent minors from purchasing tickets.
3. A person who purchases a ticket must deposit the funds used to purchase the ticket in a raffle account. Credit card purchases and extensions of credit from an Internet raffle operator are prohibited.

Public Law 2021, chapter 136 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2021.

LD 693 An Act To Make the Pilot Program Providing Mental Health Case Management Services to Veterans a Permanent Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 430 modifies the pilot program established by Resolve 2017, chapter 24 and codifies the program in statute. Under the modified program, the Department of Health and Human Services must provide contracted case management services that offer necessary mental health treatment to veterans who are residents of the State; who served in the Armed Forces of the United States or who served or are currently serving in the Maine Army National Guard, Maine Air National Guard or the Reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States; who have received mental health diagnoses or mental health disability ratings from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and who meet any other criteria established by the Department of Health and Human Services with the assistance of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veteran's Services. At least one contracted provider must have experience providing services in the northern part of the State. The law establishes the Veterans Mental Health Case Management and Services Fund as a dedicated, nonlapsing account that must be used to support the provision of case management services for veterans.

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Public Law 2021, chapter 430 additionally requires hospitals to screen all patients in their emergency departments for prior service in the military, to include identified prior military service in the hospitals' patient data management systems and to offer each patient with identified prior military service contact information for the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services and a copy of a veterans' benefits and resource guide prepared by the bureau.

Public Law 2021, chapter 430 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 8, 2021.

LD 714 An Act To Support the Recovery of Maine's Distilleries by Allowing the Sale of Cocktails for On-premises Consumption

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 91 temporarily permits, until September 10, 2022, a licensed Maine distillery or small distillery to sell for on-premises consumption cocktails containing samples of the spirits it manufactures. Cocktails may be sold for on-premises consumption only at the facility where the spirits are produced or at a location where the distillery or small distillery is licensed to sell its products for off-premises consumption. The cocktails sold by the distillery or small distillery may not contain more than a total of four-and-one-half ounces of spirits but may include as ingredients wine or spirits not manufactured by the distillery or small distillery as long as those ingredients were purchased from an agency liquor store licensed as a reselling agent.

Public Law 2021, chapter 91 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2021.

LD 881 An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 251 makes the following changes to the laws governing the medical use of marijuana.

1. It repeals and replaces the definition of "immature marijuana plant" and amends the definitions of "marijuana plant" and "seedling."
2. It changes the fee for caregiver registration based on the plant count to a fee for caregiver registration based either on plant count or plant canopy.

Public Law 2021, chapter 251 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2021.

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LD 882 Resolve, To Direct the Office of Marijuana Policy To Convene Stakeholder Meetings Regarding the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 95 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through its office of marijuana policy, to convene meetings with stakeholders within the State's medical marijuana industry to study, review and evaluate any changes or updates that may be necessary to the State's medical use of marijuana program under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

LD 916 An Act To Protect Data Privacy and Security in Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 310 makes the following changes to the laws governing access to voter information from the central voter registration system.

1. It provides that a political party, an individual or an organization engaged in "get out the vote" or other efforts directly related to a campaign, a municipal, county, state or federal office holder and any person with whom the party, individual or organization shares voter information may not cause specifically identifiable information about a voter that was obtained from the central voter registration system to be made accessible to the general public, including by causing the information to be made available on the Internet.
2. It authorizes an individual or an organization that is evaluating the State's compliance with its voter list maintenance obligations under the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to obtain, for a fee, voter information from the central voter registration system. The individual or organization and any person with whom the individual or organization shares that information may not sell, transfer to another person or use the voter information for any purpose that is not directly related to evaluating the State's compliance with its voter list maintenance obligations and may not cause specifically identifiable information about a voter to be made accessible to the general public, including by causing the information to be made available on the Internet.
3. It prohibits any individual or organization that accesses or obtains voter information from the central voter registration system from using that information or any part of that information to engage in discrimination on the basis of physical or mental disability, race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, ancestry or national origin.
4. It provides that a person who violates any of the restrictions on the use and dissemination of voter information from the central voter registration system commits a civil violation, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first violation and up to \$5,000 for a second or

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subsequent violation. A separate fine may be imposed for each voter's information that is made available on the Internet.

LD 939 An Act To Support Maine's Medical Marijuana Program and Ensure Patient Access

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 367 makes the following changes to the laws governing the use of medical marijuana.

1. It allows caregivers to employ assistants who are 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age if they are also a member of the family of the caregiver and clarifies that assistants hired by caregivers, registered dispensaries, marijuana testing facilities and manufacturing facilities must otherwise be 21 years of age or older.
2. It allows registered caregivers and dispensaries to transfer to and accept from another registered caregiver or a dispensary an unlimited amount of their marijuana plants and harvested marijuana in a wholesale transaction.
3. It allows caregivers to accept a digital image of a written certification for the purposes of initiating a transaction for harvested marijuana and requires the caregiver to verify the written certification in person before transferring any harvested marijuana to the qualifying patient.
4. It allows registration identification cards and criminal history record checks to be valid for one year regardless of employment status.
5. It removes the provision allowing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adopt rules allowing advertising or marketing using location-based services if the marketing is a mobile device application installed on a device by the owner of the device who is 21 years of age or older if it includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature. It provides instead that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may adopt rules allowing advertising or marketing using location-based services if such marketing includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature and the owner of the device is 21 years of age or older.
6. It changes the period of time registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, marijuana testing facilities and manufacturing facilities must keep records from seven years to four years.

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LD 1061 An Act To Protect Minor Political Parties That Seek To Retain Qualified Party Status

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 335 changes the requirements for a qualified political party to retain its qualified status. Under current law, a party retains its qualified status if, beginning with the second general election after the party qualifies, at least 10,000 voters who are enrolled in the party voted in the most recent general election. Under Public Law 2021, chapter 335, a party retains its qualified status if, beginning with the second general election after the party qualifies, either 10,000 voters were enrolled in the party on the date of the most recent general election or the party's gubernatorial or presidential candidate received at least 5% of the total votes cast in the State in the most recent gubernatorial or presidential election.

LD 1111 An Act To Update the Statutes Governing Membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 238 amends certain laws governing the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes. It amends the composition of the board. It requires the board to submit a list of nominees for appointment to the board to the Governor for the Governor's consideration. It requires the board to request certain organizations and individuals to submit to the board names of suggested nominees. It limits board members to serving three full terms. It changes the number of annual meetings from six to four. It requires the board to elect a vice-chair and treasurer, in addition to a chair and secretary. It removes a requirement that the chief executive officer be an honorably discharged veteran. It repeals a provision in law related to renovations undertaken by the Maine Veterans' Homes Augusta nursing facility.

LD 1126 An Act To Update the Voter Registration Process

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 439 requires the Department of the Secretary of State to create a process for accepting online voter registration applications through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website beginning November 1, 2023. The process must require that an individual submitting an online voter registration application disclose a current, valid Maine driver's license or nondriver identification card number or the last four digits of the applicant's social security number. The Secretary of State must establish a process for using this information as well as the applicant's name and date of birth to verify the identity of each online voter registration applicant. An applicant who submits a driver's license or nondriver identification card number with the applicant's online voter registration must consent to use of an electronic image of the signature on the applicant's driver's license or nondriver identification card as the applicant's voter registration

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signature. An applicant who submits the last four digits of the applicant's social security number instead of a driver's license or nondriver identification card number must include an electronic image of the applicant's signature with the applicant's online voter registration application. The deadline for receipt of online voter registration applications is midnight on the 21st day before election day.

Public Law 2021, chapter 439 also directs the Secretary of State to allow previously registered voters to use the online voter registration application beginning November 1, 2023 to:

1. Notify the appropriate registrar of voters of the voter's new name or address when the voter's name is changed by marriage or other process of law or when the voter has moved within a municipality; and
2. Enroll in or withdraw from a political party or change the voter's party enrollment.

LD 1242 An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 387 makes the following changes to the laws governing the medical use of marijuana.

1. It changes the designation of rules governing the medical use of marijuana from routine technical to major substantive beginning July 1, 2021.
2. It provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' rules governing the medical use of marijuana are those that were in effect on February 28, 2021.
3. It requires that before provisionally adopting new rules, including but not limited to rules necessary to implement a statewide electronic portal through which registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, marijuana testing facilities and manufacturing facilities may submit certain records, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services must:
 - A. Develop a process to consult with caregivers, registered caregivers, qualifying patients and medical providers with significant knowledge and experience certifying patients under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2422-A, subsection 2;
 - B. Develop a process to use when hiring consultants to advise on any new rules or proposed changes to existing rules governing the medical use of marijuana, in accordance with Title 22, section 2422-A, subsection 2; and
 - C. Using existing resources, conduct a study evaluating the economic effects that any new rules or proposed changes to existing rules may have, including but not limited to, the

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effects of implementing a statewide electronic portal on caregiver businesses of all sizes and how such rules could affect the access of patients to marijuana for medical use.

The department must submit a report including the processes developed and the findings evaluated to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over medical use of marijuana matters no later than January 15, 2022. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over medical use of marijuana matters is authorized to introduce legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the information provided in the report.

4. It eliminates the requirement that a registered caregiver, a registered dispensary, a marijuana testing facility and a manufacturing facility complete an annual audit conducted by a third party of business transactions.

Public Law 2021, chapter 387 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2021.

LD 1272 An Act To Eliminate Limits on the Number of Taste-testing Events for Beer, Wine and Spirits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 131 removes the limitation on the number of taste-testing events that licensed off-premises retailers of spirits, wine or malt liquor may conduct each month.

LD 1363 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 273 makes the following changes to the laws governing elections.

1. It repeals and replaces the definition of “elections determined by ranked-choice voting” to remove a conflict in the law created by the enactment of Public Law 2019, chapter 320, section 1 and Public Law 2019, chapter 539, sections 1 and 2.
2. It implements Constitutional Resolution 2019, chapter 1 by allowing a voter who has an alternative registration signature statement on file with the municipal registrar to authorize another registered Maine voter to sign a petition for a citizen’s initiative or for a people’s veto referendum on the voter’s behalf.
3. It amends the laws governing automatic voter registration to clarify that the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles must record but need not scan documentation providing proof of voter eligibility when creating a pending voter registration record and to authorize the bureau to create pending voter registration records for individuals who appear at

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the bureau not only to apply for driver's licenses or nondriver identification cards but also to renew or update driver's licenses or nondriver identification cards. It also delays from January 1, 2022 to June 1, 2022 the date upon which the bureau is required to commence automatic voter registration.

4. It reduces the maximum number of petition signatures that party and nonparty candidates for certain offices may submit to qualify for inclusion on the ballot.
5. It changes to October 1st of the year before the presidential election the deadline for a qualified party to notify the Secretary of State both whether there is a contest for nomination as the party's presidential candidate and whether unenrolled voters may vote in the party's presidential primary election. It also changes to October 1st the date by which the Secretary of State must make candidate petitions available for the presidential primary and sets November 20th as the deadline for candidates to file those petitions with the municipal registrar for signature verification and December 1st as the deadline to file verified petitions with the Secretary of State.
6. It provides that a person who is 16 years of age and who is conditionally registered to vote is qualified to serve as an election clerk.
7. It authorizes the Secretary of State to deviate from the statutorily prescribed order of offices on the ballot to allow ranked-choice contests to be printed on a separate side of the ballot from contests that are not ranked-choice contests.
8. Regarding the ranked-choice voting tabulation of presidential primary elections, it prohibits the use of batch elimination for candidates who receive more than 100 votes and requires separate tabulations to be conducted statewide and for each congressional district.
9. It authorizes municipalities to obtain and install secured drop boxes for the return of absentee ballots and specifies the requirements related to drop box security, design, monitoring, labeling and retrieval of absentee ballots by election officials.
10. It clarifies that a voter submitting a written request for an absentee ballot must include with the other statutorily required information the voter's date of birth and specifies the information that must be included when a voter submits an electronic request for an absentee ballot.
11. It specifies that, in addition to any required information, a voter who applies for an absentee ballot in writing, by telephone or by electronic means must be asked to provide that voter's telephone number and e-mail address, if available. This information, if provided, is confidential and may be used only by municipal election officials.
12. It clarifies that a municipal clerk must, upon receipt of an accepted absentee ballot application, immediately issue an absentee ballot and return envelope as soon as official ballots become available.

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13. It prohibits a municipal clerk from issuing to a candidate any absentee ballot other than the candidate's own absentee ballot.
14. It establishes a procedure for the municipal clerk to follow, if an absentee voter provided a telephone number or e-mail address with the voter's absentee ballot application, to assist that absentee voter in curing a defect in the voter's signature, the affidavit or the witness certification on the absentee ballot return envelope.
15. It requires a municipal clerk to verify the voter's residence address and year of birth before issuing an absentee ballot and return envelope to a voter who wishes to vote by absentee ballot in the presence of the clerk.
16. It requires the Secretary of State to establish and maintain an online service that allows an absentee voter to track the status of the absentee ballot process.
17. It provides that the Governor must report the number of votes that each candidate for president received in the final round of ranked-choice voting tabulation both statewide and for each congressional district when certifying the results of the general election for United States President in the State.

LD 1377 An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure and the Filing of Statements of Sources of Income

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 132 amends the laws governing disclosure of sources of personal income and the reporting of campaign finance information by:

1. Adjusting the deadline for non-incumbent legislative candidates to file statements of their sources of personal income from the first Monday in August to August 15th of the general election year;
2. Eliminating the requirement that constitutional officers and appointed or major-policy influencing executive officials annually file a statement of interests that discloses their positions in corporations or on boards of directors but retaining the requirement that these positions be reported on the officers' and officials' annual statements of their sources of personal income;
3. Requiring state party committees to provide a list of the officers of district, municipal and county party committees to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices by June 15th of each year;
4. Adding clarity to the definition of "independent expenditure" in the campaign finance laws by including within the definition, rather than in an exception to the definition, that an independent

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expenditure is an expenditure that is not made in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's authorized political committee or an agent of either;

5. Extending the time period—from 48 hours after dissemination of the communication to seven days after dissemination of the communication—within which a person paying for a communication that names or depicts a clearly identified candidate shortly before an election may request a determination that the expenditure was not a reportable “independent expenditure”; and
6. Expanding to include Internet video communications the categories of communication funded by an independent expenditure that must conspicuously include a statement disclosing the names of the top three funders of the entity that made the independent expenditure.

Public Law 2021, chapter 132 also amends the laws governing the Maine Clean Election Act by:

1. Clarifying that a legislative or gubernatorial candidate who has accepted contributions that do not comply with the Act's seed money restrictions may not be certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate during the same election cycle; and
2. Making technical changes to clarify that certain provisions of the Act apply only after a candidate has qualified for public campaign funding and not during the period when the candidate is seeking to qualify for the receipt of public funds.

LD 1417 An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reform

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 274 makes the following changes to the campaign finance laws.

1. It defines a “business entity” as a firm, partnership, corporation, incorporated association, labor organization or other organization, whether organized as a for-profit or a nonprofit entity.
2. It employs the phrase “separate segregated fund committee” to describe a political action committee that is a separate or segregated fund established by any corporation, membership organization, cooperative or labor or other organization whose purpose is to initiate or influence a campaign. It provides that a separate segregated fund committee may not accept contributions from an individual aggregating more than \$5,000 in a calendar year. It also prohibits a separate segregated fund committee from accepting contributions from a business entity, except that the corporation or organization that established the separate segregated fund committee may provide the use of offices, telephones, computers and similar equipment when that use does not result in additional cost to the corporation or organization.

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3. Like Public Law 2021, chapter 217, it defines a “leadership political action committee” as a political action committee, other than a caucus political action committee, that was directly or indirectly established by a current member of the Legislature or that is directly or indirectly maintained or controlled by a current member of the Legislature. It provides that a business entity may not make any contributions to a leadership political action committee. It also provides that a party committee, a leadership political action committee, a separate segregated fund committee, a caucus political action committee and any other political action committee may make contributions to a leadership political action committee aggregating no more in a calendar year than the amount that the committee may contribute to a legislative candidate in any one election, except that the committee may not make any monetary contributions to a leadership political action committee using funds that derive, in whole or in part, from a business entity.
4. It prohibits a business entity from making contributions to a candidate. A party committee, a leadership political action committee, a separate segregated fund committee, a caucus political action committee and any other political action committee may make contributions to a candidate that do not exceed the amount that an individual may contribute to that candidate but may not make monetary contributions to a candidate using funds that derive, in whole or in part, from a business entity.

The provisions of Public Law 2021, chapter 274 take effect January 1, 2023.

LD 1434 An Act Regarding Controlled Entry Areas within Retail Marijuana Stores

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 314 allows a marijuana store to have a controlled, indoor entry area directly inside the store where the identification of a purchaser can be verified and the purchaser can await entry into the store.

LD 1485 An Act to Modify the Requirements for Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 217 amends the laws governing registration and financial reporting by political action committees and ballot question committees by:

1. Redefining “political action committee” to mean a person, other than an individual, including a corporation or association or a separate or segregated fund established by a corporation or a labor or other organization that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$2,500 in a calendar year for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any candidate to political office;

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2. Defining “ballot question committee” to mean a person, including an individual, that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000 for the purpose of initiating or influencing a ballot question campaign;
3. Defining “exempt donor” to mean a person that has not received contributions for the purpose of influencing a campaign in the prior two years and whose only payments of money to influence a campaign in the prior two years are monetary contributions to or payments for goods or services with an aggregate value of no more than \$100,000 for candidates, party committees, political action committees or ballot question committees. Exempt donors are not political action committees or ballot question committees;
4. Like Public Law 2021, chapter 274, defining a “leadership political action committee” as a political action committee, other than a caucus political action committee, that was directly or indirectly established by a current member of the Legislature or that is directly or indirectly maintained or controlled by a current member of the Legislature;
5. Clarifying that a “contribution” to a political action committee or a ballot question committee includes a donation of something of value only if the donation was made for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign;
6. Exempting from the definition of “expenditure” any payments for the purpose of initiating a citizen’s initiative or a people’s veto referendum that are made prior to the submission of an application to the Secretary of State to initiate the petition and signature-gathering process;
7. Requiring that each political action committee and ballot question committee establish a campaign account in a bank or other financial institution that is segregated from the funds of the person or persons that established the committee and amending the applicable definitions of “contribution” and “expenditure” to include, respectively, all funds deposited into and all payments made from this campaign account; and
8. Unifying the registration, financial reporting and record-keeping requirements for political action committees and ballot question committees and clarifying the circumstances under which a committee need not cross-register as both a political action committee and a ballot question committee.

LD 1575 An Act To Improve Maine’s Election Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 246 makes the following changes to the election laws.

1. It allows an individual who is registering to vote to verify the individual’s identity with a student photograph identification document that is issued by a state-approved public or private

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school located in Maine or that is issued by a duly authorized institution of higher learning that operates in Maine.

2. It directs the Secretary of State to prepare instructions for absentee voter applicants describing the reasons that a voter may request and receive an absentee ballot after the period for no-excuse absentee voting has ended and requires municipalities to include these instructions on a sign posted at the municipal office and on any website, social media page or other media that the municipality uses to communicate election information.
3. It requires the municipal clerk to include in the voting place report, which is filed with the Secretary of State at least 60 days before each election, the location of each secured drop box and the times for in-person absentee voting in the municipality.
4. It authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt rules governing pollwatchers, additional party workers and others present in the polling place as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 627, subsection 4.
5. It clarifies that absentee ballots may not be counted until after the polls have closed on election day, all election day ballots have been cast and all absentee ballots have been processed.

LD 1589 An Act To Ensure Equity in the Membership of the Marijuana Advisory Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 363 changes the membership of the Marijuana Advisory Commission established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-B, section 901 by removing the Commissioner of Labor, adding the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and adding six members representing certain interests, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, increasing the number of members from 15 to 21.

LD 1620 An Act To Support Maine Theaters by Expanding Eligibility for Off-premises Catering Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 76 authorizes auditoriums, civic auditoriums and performing arts centers licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor to apply for an additional license to conduct off-premises catering of spirits, wine and malt liquor at planned events or gatherings.

Public Law 2021, chapter 76 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2021.

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LD 1621 An Act To Reform Payments to Legislators by Political Action Committees and Ballot Question Committees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 276 provides that, if a Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer of a political action committee or a ballot question committee or is one of the individuals primarily responsible for raising contributions or making decisions for a political action committee or a ballot question committee:

1. The committee may not compensate the Legislator or an immediate family member of the Legislator for services provided to the committee;
2. The committee may not make payments to; may not distribute, loan, advance, deposit or give money or anything of value to; and may not provide compensation to a business owned or operated by the Legislator or an immediate family member of the Legislator;
3. The committee may not make any payments for or reimburse the Legislator or an immediate family member of the Legislator for any expenses that are determined by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to be for the purpose of personal financial enrichment of the Legislator or the immediate family member of the Legislator;
4. The committee may pay for or reimburse the Legislator for travel expenses incurred in the proper performance of the Legislator's legislative duties and for travel expenses associated with volunteering for the committee, including by providing mileage reimbursement to a Legislator who uses the Legislator's own vehicle for these purposes. The committee may not pay for or reimburse the Legislator for the direct costs of repairing or maintaining the Legislator's vehicle, however;
5. The committee may not pay for or reimburse the Legislator for any expenses that have been or will be paid for or reimbursed by the Legislature or any other source of payment or reimbursement; and
6. The committee's funds may not be commingled with the personal funds of the Legislator or the funds of a business owned or operated by the Legislator or any other person.

A committee that violates the prohibitions of Public Law 2021, chapter 276 and a Legislator who accepts an impermissible payment or reimbursement or whose funds are impermissibly commingled with the committee's funds commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 or the amount of the impermissible payment or reimbursement, whichever is greater, may be imposed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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LD 1642 An Act Regarding Local Option Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 137 provides that, if a municipality conducted a local option election prior to January 1, 1977 approving the issuance of licenses for the sale of liquor for on-premises consumption at any type of licensed establishment, the election results are deemed to be evidence that the municipality approved the issuance of licenses for the sale of liquor for on-premises consumption by all types of licensed establishments unless the municipality voted to prohibit the issuance of licenses for the sale of liquor for on-premises consumption in a subsequent local option election.

Public Law 2021, chapter 137 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2021.