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LD 2 An Act To Allow Farm Wineries To Charge for Wine Tastings

PUBLIC 62

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-25

This bill permits farm wineries to charge for serving samples of wine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-25)

This amendment establishes a framework for a farm winery that wishes to charge for samples of wine produced by the winery. In order to charge for samples, the farm winery must notify the Department of Public Safety's bureau that administers the liquor licensing laws and maintain a record of samples. Each sample poured is subject to the 7% sales tax on alcoholic beverages. Once a farm winery charges for samples it may not offer complimentary samples unless it notifies the bureau that samples are no longer subject to a charge.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 62 establishes a framework for a farm winery that wishes to charge for samples of wine produced by the winery. In order to charge for samples, the farm winery must notify the Department of Public Safety's bureau that administers the liquor licensing laws and maintain a record of samples. Each sample poured is subject to the 7% sales tax on alcoholic beverages. Once a farm winery charges for samples it may not offer complimentary samples unless it notifies the bureau that samples are no longer subject to a charge.

**LD 34 An Act To Require Candidates for Public Office To Provide Proof of
Citizenship**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA	ONTP	

This bill requires candidates for public office to show proof of United States citizenship in the form of a certified copy of the candidate's birth certificate and the candidate's driver's license or other form of government-issued identification to the Secretary of State.

**LD 73 An Act To Establish a Uniform Deadline for Persons Qualifying as
Candidates**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLDUC	ONTP	

This bill makes the deadline for submission of signatures for a person to qualify as a candidate for election for candidates placed on the general election ballot by petition the same as for candidates placed on the ballot by primary election.

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LD 74 An Act To Impose Liability on a Landlord for Damages Caused by a Tenant's Pet ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD	ONTP	

This bill provides that a tenant and that tenant's landlord are jointly and severally liable for damages caused to a third party by that tenant's pet.

LD 76 An Act To Reimburse Philip Wolley for Litigation Expenses Incurred in Connection with His Termination and Reinstatement as a State Employee ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILLWAY THIBODEAU	ONTP	

This bill makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$28,000 in fiscal year 2011-12 to reimburse Philip Wolley for litigation expenses incurred in connection with his termination and subsequent reinstatement as a state employee.

LD 80 An Act Regarding Maine Clean Election Act Funds for a Candidate without a Primary Opponent ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT SHERMAN	ONTP	

This bill provides that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices may not make a distribution of Maine Clean Election Act funds to a candidate in an uncontested legislative or gubernatorial primary election.

LD 97 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Certain Changes to a Direct Initiative of Legislation for a Period of Time after It Is Approved by the Voters MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CELLI	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide that the Legislature may not make a change to a measure initiated and approved by vote of the people for eight years after that measure takes effect if that change is contrary to the general intent of that measure.

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LD 103 An Act To Improve the Access of Beer and Wine Licensees to Agency Liquor Store Licenses ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY	ONTP	

This bill provides that the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement may not deny an agency liquor store license to an off-premise retail licensee who is licensed to sell malt liquor and wine solely because of proximity to an existing agency liquor store or the impact of the proposed license on existing agency liquor store licensees.

LD 120 An Act To End Taxpayer-funded Campaigns for Gubernatorial Candidates Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK T		

This bill eliminates Maine Clean Election Act funding for gubernatorial candidates.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 142 An Act To Improve Party Status Requirements PUBLIC 227

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN	OTP-AM	H-184 CHIPMAN H-41

This bill removes the requirement that, in order to participate in a primary election, a political party must hold at least one municipal caucus in each county in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-41)

This amendment strikes the provision that eliminates the requirement for municipal caucuses in each county as a criterion for maintaining status as a political party. The amendment replaces that provision with the requirement that a party must hold a municipal caucus in a minimum of 12 counties.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-184)

This amendment increases the minimum number of counties in which municipal caucuses must be held from 12, as proposed in Committee Amendment "A," to 14.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2011, chapter 227 changes one of the criteria that permits a political party to participate in a primary by reducing the minimum number of counties in which a party must hold a municipal caucus from 16 to 14.

**LD 172 An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Organizations from the Laws Governing LEAVE TO
Serving Alcohol near a Church WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDONALD TRAHAN	LV/WD	

This bill exempts a nonprofit organization from the prohibition against licensing premises that are within 300 feet of a church, chapel or parish house for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises.

LD 178 An Act Relating to Distribution of Revenues from Future Casinos ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOGAN	ONTP	

This bill directs the Gambling Control Board within the Department of Public Safety to submit legislation regarding the distribution of net gambling revenue from table games and slot machines for any new gaming facility authorized by initiative or enactment by the Legislature.

**LD 179 An Act To Prohibit the Issuance of a Duplicate Absentee Ballot under PUBLIC 40
Certain Circumstances**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING RAYE	OTP-AM	H-58

This bill prohibits a municipal clerk from issuing a second state absentee ballot to an applicant after a ballot has been returned by the applicant to the clerk, except for good cause, and stipulates that an applicant's decision to change a vote does not constitute good cause.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-58)

This amendment prohibits a clerk from issuing a duplicate absentee ballot once an absentee ballot is marked and submitted to the clerk.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 40 prohibits an election clerk from issuing a duplicate absentee ballot once an absentee ballot is marked and submitted to the clerk.

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LD 196 An Act Regarding Unenrolled Candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA THIBODEAU	ONTP	

This bill directs the Secretary of State to develop a system that allows voters to choose among unenrolled candidates for the Legislature and for the office of Governor to determine which unenrolled candidate should receive public financing under the Maine Clean Election Act.

LD 199 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photograph Identification for the Purpose of Voting Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA SNOWE-MELLO		

This bill requires that a voter provide proof of identity with photograph identification approved by the Secretary of State by rule for the purpose of voting.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 203 An Act To Assist Municipal Clerks by Providing Adequate Time To Register Voters ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT COURTNEY	ONTP	

Current law authorizes citizens of the State to register to vote on election day. This bill repeals that provision and instead requires that citizens of the State register to vote no later than the Tuesday preceding the election in order to vote in that election.

LD 220 An Act Relating to Maine Farm Wineries PUBLIC 48

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RECTOR	OTP-AM	S-23

This bill provides that the holder of a farm winery license from the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement may sell wine at farmers' markets, permits the licensee to display up to 25 bottles of wine in a shop

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window and directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to work with the Department of Transportation and a statewide organization representing farm wineries to develop a uniform system of signage identifying the locations of farm wineries.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)

This amendment strikes the provision of the bill that allows farm wineries to sell wine at farmers' markets and the provision that allows for the development of a uniform system of signage for farm wineries. It also clarifies in which premises a farm winery may display wine in windows.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 48 clarifies at which licensed premises a farm winery may place wine on display in windows.

LD 227 An Act Relating to the Establishment of Casinos Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO		

This bill authorizes the establishment of three casinos in the State subject to a competitive bidding process. A successful bidder would win the right to enter into a contract with the State to operate a casino for up to 20 years. A successful bidder is subject to a privilege fee of \$5,000,000 to operate a casino. An existing slot machine operator would also be authorized to enter into a contract with the State to operate a casino at the existing slot machine facility without being subject to the competitive bidding process. The privilege fee for a casino that was an existing slot machine facility is \$3,000,000. As determined by a contract with the State, the state share of net gaming revenue from the casinos would be divided equally among three funds that reimburse municipalities for education, veterans property tax exemptions and homestead property tax exemptions.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 231 Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Adopt Routine Technical Rules Governing the Maine Clean Election Act and Equipment Repurchase RESOLVE 19

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE A MASON	OTP-AM	H-39

Under rules adopted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, a candidate who receives Maine Clean Election Act funds and sells property purchased using those funds to the candidate or a family member or staff member must receive at least 40% of the original purchase price for that property. Property that is sold to someone other than the candidate or a family member or staff member must be sold at fair market value. This bill specifies that the amount received from the candidate or a family member or staff member for the purchase of such property must be at least 75% of the original purchase price.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)

This amendment strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt routine technical rules that require equipment purchased using Maine Clean Election Act funds to be sold for at least 75% of the original purchase price if that equipment is sold to the candidate or to a member of the candidate's immediate family or campaign staff. Current rules require that the item be sold for at least 40% of the purchase price.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 19 directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt routine technical rules that require equipment purchased using Maine Clean Election Act funds to be sold for at least 75% of the original purchase price if that equipment is sold to the candidate or to a member of the candidate's immediate family or campaign staff. Current rules require that the item be sold for at least 40% of the purchase price.

LD 277 An Act To Make Disputed Ballots in State Elections Public

PUBLIC 258

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOSEL RECTOR	OTP-AM	H-178

This bill requires the Secretary of State to make available for public inspection a disputed ballot arising from an election recount and specifies that the manner of making an absentee ballot available for public inspection must preserve the voter's anonymity.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-178)

This amendment specifies that the Secretary of State is required to make available for public inspection only copies of unresolved disputed ballots rather than the actual ballots. It also limits this public inspection of copies of disputed ballots to elections for the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. The amendment also specifies that the Secretary of State must retain these copies for two years.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 258 requires the Secretary of State to make available for public inspection, copies of unresolved disputed ballots. This requirement applies to the public inspection of copies of disputed ballots to elections for the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. The law also specifies that the Secretary of State must retain these copies for two years.

LD 285 An Act Regarding the Qualifications of Candidates for Office

PUBLIC 239

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NASS HASTINGS	OTP-AM	H-341

This bill requires the Secretary of State to certify that candidates for legislative office meet the age and residency requirements contained in the Constitution of Maine.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-341)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the Secretary of State to provide a consent form to be signed by candidates who are seeking election that lists the statutory and constitutional requirements for that office. It also requires that form for replacement candidates selected by a political committee in the event of a vacancy.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 239 requires the Secretary of State to provide a consent form to be signed by candidates who are seeking election that lists the statutory and constitutional requirements for that office. It also requires this form for replacement candidates selected by a political committee in the event of a vacancy.

LD 299 An Act Regarding the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery PUBLIC 440

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COURTNEY	OTP-AM	S-14 S-344 ROSEN R

This bill appropriates \$104,026 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$198,971 in fiscal year 2012-13 for reorganizing one seasonal Equipment Operator I position to full-time and establishing one Office Associate II position and two Groundskeeper II positions at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-14)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-344)

This amendment reduces the cost of the bill by reducing the number of funded positions and delays the funding until July 1, 2012. It also authorizes the Town of Springvale to seek donations to assist with the funding of the provisions.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 440 provides funding for two Groundskeeper II positions at the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery beginning July 1, 2012 and reorganizes two positions at the cemetery that are not funded. It also authorizes the Town of Springvale to seek donations to assist with the funding of the provisions.

LD 343 An Act To Facilitate a Change of Location for Agency Liquor Stores PUBLIC 135

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-68

This bill allows an agency liquor store licensee to change the location of the licensed store to a location within the same municipality upon notice to the municipality and the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Liquor Enforcement and subject to the provisions in state law concerning the location of agency liquor stores.

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Committee Amendment "A" (S-68)

This amendment replaces the bill. It establishes a procedure for the relocation of an agency liquor store within the same municipality.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 135 establishes a procedure and criteria for the relocation of an agency liquor store within the same municipality that does not require surrender of the current agency liquor store licensee.

LD 393 An Act To Implement the Recommendations Regarding the Legislative Review of the Allocation of Slot Machine Revenue PUBLIC 358

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-482

This bill implements the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs from the 124th Legislature regarding the allocation of slot machine revenue. The bill establishes a system of reporting by those who receive a distribution of net slot machine income under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 1036.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-482)

This amendment transfers the responsibility of reporting to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over slot machines, harness racing, agricultural fairs and appropriations and financial affairs on the use of slot machine revenues by commercial tracks, agricultural fairs, off-track betting facilities and standardbred horse breeders from the entities themselves to the executive director of the State Harness Racing Commission, in consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. The reporting requirements for other recipients of slot machine revenue under the bill are not changed. The amendment requires the commissioner, in consultation with the State Harness Racing Commission, to adopt rules to ensure the reporting requirements are met. The amendment strikes some of the more detailed reporting requirements, including the number of people attending harness races at commercial tracks, detailed payroll information and the number of races originating in the State for simulcasting outside of the State. The amendment makes changes to the information required of horsebreeders in the Maine Standardbred program by clarifying how to quantify the number of Maine Standardbred horses and how to report money from the Sire Stakes Fund. It removes the requirement that the number of breeders and the breeders' geographic locations be reported.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 358 requires the executive director of the State Harness Racing Commission, in consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resource to report the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over slot machines, harness racing, agricultural fairs and appropriations and financial affairs on the use of slot machine revenues by commercial tracks, agricultural fairs, off-track betting facilities and standardbred horse breeders. The reporting requirements for other recipients of slot machine revenue are based on provisions in existing statute. This law requires the commissioner, in consultation with the State Harness Racing Commission, to adopt rules to ensure the reporting requirements are met.

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LD 416 An Act To Amend the Taste Testing of Wine Law

PUBLIC 69

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK PLOWMAN	OTP-AM	S-29

This bill sets a single minimum 125-label standard of qualification for conducting wine taste-testing events by off-premise retail licensees, regardless of whether the licensee also sells other types of alcoholic beverages.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-29)

This amendment replaces the bill. It removes any reference to a fine wine store with regard to taste testing of wine. It allows the taste testing of wine for any off-premise retail licensee that stocks at least 125 different wine labels.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 69 removes any reference to a fine wine store with regard to taste testing of wine. It allows the taste testing of wine for any off-premise retail licensee that stocks at least 125 different wine labels.

LD 481 An Act To Make the Cashier or Clerk Who Sells Alcoholic Beverages or Tobacco to an Underage Person Responsible for Paying the Fine

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AYOTTE SHERMAN	ONTP	

This bill amends the laws concerning sales of tobacco and alcohol to minors by removing the liability of an employer who did not have knowledge of an employee's violation.

LD 503 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine the Issue of a Run-off Election for Governor

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This resolve directs the Secretary of State to examine the issue of a run-off election for Governor and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by January 31, 2012.

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**LD 504 Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Division of Liquor
Licensing and Compliance To Amend Its Rules Governing the Return of
Spirits by Consumers**

RESOLVE 41

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE PATRICK	OTP-AM	H-119

Currently, rules prohibit the return of spirits by a consumer unless the product is defective. This bill authorizes agency liquor stores to accept spirits for exchange or return of the purchase price under certain conditions.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-119)

This amendment strikes the bill and makes it a resolve. The resolve requires the Department of Public Safety's Division of Liquor Licensing and Compliance to adopt rules permitting an agency liquor store to accept the return of an unopened bottle of spirits.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 41 requires the Department of Public Safety division of liquor licensing and compliance to adopt rules permitting an agency liquor store to accept the return or exchange of an unopened bottle of spirits.

**LD 528 An Act To Change the Frequency of Alcoholic Beverage Tastings
Allowed in a 12-month Period**

PUBLIC 103

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PILON LANGLEY	OTP-AM	H-118

This bill changes the limit on the number of wine tastings that may be held in a 12-month period from 24 to 36.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-118)

This amendment applies the increase in the limit on tastings from 24 to 36 per year to malt liquor and spirits as well as wine.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 103 increases the limit on the number of alcoholic beverage tastings that may be conducted by a retail licensee from 24 to 36 per year.

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LD 535 An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to High-stakes Beano

PUBLIC 410

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM A OTP-AM B ONTP C	H-402 H-606 Soctomah

This bill allows federally recognized Indian tribes in Maine licensed to sell sealed tickets to sell the tickets at any time. It also allows the operation of high-stakes beano games at any time and anywhere in the county that the Indian tribe has its primary seat of government and it reduces the annual license fee for operating high-stakes beano games to \$15,000.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-402)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It replaces the bill except for the emergency preamble, which the amendment retains. The amendment changes the restriction on the number of days that a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State may conduct high-stakes beano to 90 days, consisting of 30 events of up to three days each. The amendment changes the parcel of land on which the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may operate high-stakes beano. The amendment also provides that those eligible to conduct high-stakes beano may do so by operating electronic beano. Electronic beano is played on individual electronic beano terminals connected to a central computer system that simulates traditional beano but may not show any other form of gaming. Individual electronic beano terminals automatically mark purchased beano cards and may accept cash, cards, tokens, or vouchers but may not dispense cash. A prize awarded for winning electronic beano must be in the form of a voucher that may be redeemed for cash or prizes. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

House Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "B" (H-606)

This amendment makes the following changes.

1. The amendment removes emergency provisions from the bill.
2. It provides that a federally recognized Indian tribe other than the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs may conduct high-stakes beano up to 100 days per year.
3. It maintains the fee for a high-stakes beano license at \$25,000 for two additional years.
4. It permits the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate high-stakes beano in the City of Calais if approved by the city.
5. It removes from the committee amendment authority to conduct electronic beano.
6. It removes from the committee amendment the appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 410 extends through 2013, the reduction of the fee to conduct high stakes beano from \$50,000 to \$25,000. It also permits the Passamaquoddy Tribe to conduct high stakes beano up to 100 days per year. Other federally recognized Indian tribes in the state eligible to conduct high stakes beano would still be subject to the provision that limits games to 27 weekends per year. The law also permits the Passamaquoddy Tribe to conduct high stakes beano in the municipality of Calais.

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LD 545 An Act To Improve Ballot Access for Gubernatorial Candidates

**MINORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill provides that a candidate for Governor may satisfy the primary petition requirements by acquiring the signatures of 2% of the total number of members enrolled in the candidate's political party.

LD 561 An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions in the Harness Racing Laws

**PUBLIC 142
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHERMAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-73

This bill amends the harness racing laws to clarify that slot machine facilities satisfy the qualifications necessary for simulcast races.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-73)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 142 provides that a slot machine facility operated by a commercial track is authorized to accept wagers on simulcast harness horse races.

This law was passed as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2011.

LD 633 An Act To Update Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Laws

PUBLIC 112

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-120

Currently the Adjutant General and assistant adjutant general must have attained the federally recognized rank of Colonel in the Maine National Guard. This bill requires that the Adjutant General and assistant adjutant general also meet the criteria for federal recognition as a General Officer as prescribed by federal regulation, 10 United States Code, Section 3282. In addition, this bill designates the Maine Municipal Bond Bank as a potential administrative partner in the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund in place of the Finance Authority of Maine. It also aligns the definition of "municipality" in the laws governing the fund with the definition set out under the Maine Municipal Bond Bank authorizing statutes, and explicitly allows quasi-municipal corporations and districts to apply for loans

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from the fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-120)

This amendment strikes a reference to the United States Code regarding the requirement that a person appointed Adjutant General or assistant adjutant general meet the criteria for federal recognition as a General Officer. The amendment states that the appointee must meet the criteria for federal recognition as a General Officer for either the United States Army National Guard or the United States Air National Guard. It also authorizes the Adjutant General to establish a National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 112 changes existing statute which states that the Adjutant General and assistant adjutant general must have attained the federally recognized rank of Colonel in the Maine National Guard. Chapter 112 states that the appointee must meet the criteria for federal recognition as a General Officer for either the United States Army National Guard or the United States Air National Guard. In addition, this law designates the Maine Municipal Bond Bank as a potential administrative partner in the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund in place of the Finance Authority of Maine. It also aligns the definition of "municipality" in the laws governing the fund with the definition set out under the Maine Municipal Bond Bank authorizing statutes, and explicitly allows quasi-municipal corporations and districts to apply for loans from the fund. Finally, this law authorizes the Adjutant General to establish a National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

LD 643 An Act To Protect Public Safety in the Operation of Casinos

HELD BY
GOVERNOR

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	OTP-AM	H-547 S-368 ROSEN R

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to amend the laws governing the oversight of the casino eligible to be licensed in Oxford County that are determined to be incomplete or inconsistent with existing laws and rules in other states that authorize the operation of casino gambling.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-547)

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. The amendment includes an emergency preamble and clause. The amendment requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to adopt emergency major substantive rules governing the oversight of the operation of table games at a casino. The rules must ensure that bets on table games are not made with cash and that the exchange of cash for chips, tokens or other items of value is done in a manner that can provide a thorough audit. The amendment requires the board to report on the process for developing rules that govern the rules of play for table games. The amendment changes current law to provide that license and application fees collected by the board go to a dedicated account for the administration of the board rather than to the General Fund.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-368)

Committee Amendment "A" requires fees collected from slot machine operators and casinos to be deposited in the Administrative Expenses Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board instead of in the General Fund. This amendment exempts the fees associated with a casino located in Oxford County and a slot machine facility licensed as such as of January 1, 2011 from that requirement for fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 only and requires those fees from that casino and that slot machine facility to be

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deposited in the General Fund.

**LD 649 An Act To Establish a Special Food and Beverage Industry Taste-testing
Event License**

**PUBLIC 259
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FITTS PLOWMAN	OTP-AM	H-393

This bill amends existing law regarding special taste-testing festivals to include wine manufacturers. It specifies that a festival may be held in conjunction with a trade show, food festival or tourism exposition. It further specifies that a representative of a beer or wine manufacturer or wholesaler is authorized to pour samples at the taste-testing festival.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-393)

This amendment replaces the bill except for the emergency preamble and emergency clause. The amendment establishes a special food and beverage industry taste-testing event license for manufacturers and wholesalers of alcoholic beverages who are participants in an event designed to promote the food and beverage or hospitality industry. Under current law, only a caterer or other person licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may sell or serve samples of alcoholic beverages at such an event. This license permits a manufacturer, wholesaler or a manufacturer's sales representatives to serve alcoholic beverages. The amendment also provides a specific exception that permits a caterer to serve wine that is not registered with the State at a special food and beverage industry taste-testing event in order to promote that wine for distribution and sale in the State.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 259 establishes a special food and beverage industry taste-testing event license for manufacturers and wholesalers of alcoholic beverages who are participants in an event designed to promote the food and beverage or hospitality industry. Under existing law, only a caterer or other person licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may sell or serve samples of alcoholic beverages at such an event. This license permits a manufacturer, wholesaler or a manufacturer's sales representatives to serve alcoholic beverages. The law also provides a specific exception that permits a caterer to serve wine that is not registered with the State at a special food and beverage industry taste-testing event in order to promote that wine for distribution and sale in the State.

Public Law 2011, chapter 259 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2011.

LD 657 An Act To Permit Disposal of Abandoned Manufactured Housing

**PUBLIC 127
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT HASTINGS	OTP-AM	H-183

This bill provides landlords a process for the disposal of abandoned manufactured housing. This process is based on the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, section 1954, former subsection 2, which governed the disposal of tangible property in general by a landlord, until it was repealed by the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides mobile home park owners and operators a process for the disposal of abandoned manufactured housing. For purposes of the amendment, "manufactured housing" is defined to include a mobile home or a modular home on leased land. This process is based on the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 6013, which were enacted in Public Law 2009, chapter 566 by the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature and relate to the disposal of personal property abandoned by a tenant. Public Law 2009, chapter 566 also inadvertently repealed the process governing the disposal of manufactured housing by a landlord. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 127 provides mobile home park owners and operators a process for the disposal of abandoned manufactured housing. This process is based on the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 6013, which were enacted in Public Law 2009, chapter 566 by the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature and relate to the disposal of personal property abandoned by a tenant. For purposes of the law, "manufactured housing" is defined to include a mobile home or a modular home on leased land.

Public Law 2011, chapter 127 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2011.

LD 659 An Act To Repeal the Maine Clean Election Laws

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY THIBODEAU	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill repeals the Maine Clean Election Act.

LD 663 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Corporate Political Donations

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUSSELL	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill provides a tax on corporate campaign contributions and electioneering communications.

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**LD 677 An Act Regarding the Determination of Distance for the Purposes of the
Gambling Control Board Laws**

PUBLIC 56

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLOWMAN	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill makes a technical clarification regarding the determination of distance in the laws governing the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 56 provides that, for the purpose of determining distances between gambling facilities under the jurisdiction of the Gambling Control Board, the board shall measure the distance using the most commonly used roadway as determined by the Department of Transportation.

LD 723 An Act To End Homelessness for Veterans in Maine

PUBLIC 329

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND	OTP-AM	S-251

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a partnership with a national, human services-based volunteer organization, such as the Volunteers of America, to help remedy and prevent the problem of homelessness among veterans.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-251)

This amendment authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to accept outside or federal funding to accomplish the goals of the partnership to address homelessness of veterans. The amendment also prioritizes the goals of the partnership.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 329 requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a partnership with a national, human services-based volunteer organization, such as the Volunteers of America, to help remedy and prevent the problem of homelessness among veterans. It authorizes the director to accept outside or federal funding to accomplish the goals of the partnership to address homelessness of veterans. This law also prioritizes the goals of the partnership.

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LD 726 Resolve, To Reduce Funding to Maine Clean Election Act Candidates

RESOLVE 89

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	S-253

This resolve provides that the amount distributed to certified candidates by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Clean Election Act during the 2012 election cycle must be 20% less than the amount distributed to certified candidates by the commission during the 2010 election cycle.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-253)

This amendment changes the amount by which distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund to certified candidates will be reduced in the 2012 election cycle from 20% to 5%. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 89 reduces the amount of distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund to certified candidates in the 2012 election cycle by 5%.

LD 763 An Act To Allow the Sale of Locally Produced Beer and Wine at Farmers' Markets

PUBLIC 280

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDONALD	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-342

This bill allows in-state manufacturers of wine or malt liquor to sell their wine or malt liquor at authorized farmers' markets in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-342)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment strikes the provisions that wine and malt liquor may be provided to others for retail sale and establishes an authorization process for small breweries and farm wineries to sell the products they produce at farmers' markets. The amendment also adds a requirement that a farmers' market must have municipal approval to sell wine and malt liquor.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 280 establishes an authorization process for small breweries and farm wineries to sell the products they produce at farmers' markets. This process, administered by the Division of Liquor Licensing within the Department of Public Safety, includes a requirement that a farmers' market must have municipal approval to sell wine and malt liquor.

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LD 797 An Act To Reform the Election Laws

**LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHITTEMORE	LTW	

Current law authorizes citizens of the State to register to vote on election day. This bill repeals that provision and instead requires that citizens of the State register to vote no later than seven days preceding the election in order to vote in that election. The bill also requires that a person provide proof of citizenship to register to vote. This bill also requires that a voter provide proof of identity with documentation approved by the Secretary of State by rule. This bill also prohibits a municipal clerk from issuing a second state absentee ballot to an applicant after a ballot has been returned by the applicant to the clerk, except for good cause, and stipulates that an applicant's decision to change a vote does not constitute good cause.

LD 798 An Act To Prohibit Nonresidents from Contributing to Maine Political Campaigns or Candidates

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	ONTP	

This bill requires that contributions to candidate and ballot measure campaigns may only come from residents of this State or organizations that are incorporated in this State.

LD 814 An Act Relating to Political Action Committees in Maine

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY ALFOND	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill limits the amount a person, other than a political action committee, may contribute to a political action committee during a two-year election cycle; limits the aggregate amount that a person, other than a political action committee, may give to candidate political action committees during a two-year election cycle; and limits the amount that political action committees may give to candidate political action committees during a two-year election cycle. The bill defines "candidate political action committee" as a political action committee that makes contributions or expenditures for the purpose of promoting, supporting, opposing or defeating the nomination or election of any person to political office.

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LD 820 An Act To Alter the Distribution of Maine Clean Election Act Funding ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	ONTP	

This bill does the following.

1. It decreases from 3,250 to 750 the number of qualifying contributions required for a gubernatorial candidate to be certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate.
2. It provides that a Maine Clean Election Act gubernatorial candidate may continue to collect \$5 contributions from registered voters in the State after certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate.
3. It allows a voter who provides a \$5 qualifying contribution to a gubernatorial candidate in a contested primary to provide an additional \$5 contribution to that candidate after certification.
4. It provides that each \$5 qualifying contribution and each \$5 additional contribution must be matched by a distribution of \$55 from the Maine Clean Election Fund.
5. It decreases the distribution limits for gubernatorial primary elections from \$400,000 to \$350,000 and increases the distribution limits for gubernatorial general elections from \$600,000 to \$750,000.

LD 821 Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Transferring Administration of the Liquor Laws to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations VETO SUSTAINED

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY PATRICK	OTP-AM	H-483

This bill transfers the responsibility of liquor licensing and enforcement to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. It provides that the Department of Public Safety may provide assistance when personnel with law enforcement authority are required to enforce the laws governing alcoholic beverages.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-483)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the director of the division of liquor licensing within the Department of Public Safety to issue a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs examining the feasibility of transferring administration of the liquor laws from the division of liquor licensing to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. The resolve authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

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LD 832 An Act Regarding Write-in Candidates in Municipal and City Elections DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL C BLISS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill requires a write-in candidate for a municipal or city election to file a declaration of candidacy on or before 45 days prior to the election and meet all other qualifications for office.

LD 843 An Act To Modernize the Maine Clean Election Act by Allowing for Private Contributions ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CORNELL DU HOUX	ONTP	

This bill replaces the existing matching funds distribution system under the Maine Clean Election Act. This bill permits a participating candidate to accept private contributions. Such contributions are subject to the same limits and reporting requirements as those of traditionally funded candidates. When a participating candidate has an opponent who spends more than the candidate's initial distribution from the Maine Clean Election Fund, the candidate is authorized to spend the private contributions up to the amount of the initial distribution received from the fund, which will be matched dollar for dollar by the fund.

LD 846 An Act To Assist Nonprofit Corporations Harmed by a Casino NOT PROPERLY BEFORE BODY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK		

This bill establishes the Casino Remedial Fund, and requires a casino to distribute 2% of its gaming revenues to be placed in the Casino Remedial Fund. Funds in the fund will be disbursed to a nonprofit corporation within 35 miles of a casino that can show it has been financially harmed by the casino operations.

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LD 848 Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Study Modifying the Maine Clean Election Act

RESOLVE 103

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK	OTP-AM	S-332 COURTNEY S-54

This resolve directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to study the Maine Clean Election Act to address any adverse rulings by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *McComish v. Bennett*, No. CV-08-1550-PHX-ROS (D. Ariz. Jan. 20, 2010) and to report its findings, including any suggested changes, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by October 15, 2011. The Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs shall report out legislation based on the report by December 1, 2011 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-54)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-332)

This amendment requires the State Controller to transfer \$3,250 from the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Clean Elections Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Legislative, General Fund account in the Legislature to fund the costs of two interim meetings of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to review the report of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices on its study of the Maine Clean Election Act and report out legislation.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 103 directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to study the Maine Clean Election Act to address any adverse rulings by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *McComish v. Bennett*, No. CV-08-1550-PHX-ROS (D. Ariz. Jan. 20, 2010) and to report its findings, including any suggested changes, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by October 15, 2011. Under this resolve, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs is required to report out legislation based on the report by December 1, 2011 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

LD 856 An Act To Change the Campaign Contribution Limits

PUBLIC 382

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	S-220 PLOWMAN S-297 PLOWMAN

This bill amends the laws governing campaign contribution limits by setting a maximum contribution of \$350 for a legislative candidate and \$750 for any other candidate, before adjustments for inflation.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-220)

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This amendment increases the maximum campaign contribution to a gubernatorial candidate from \$750 to \$1,500.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-297)

This amendment delays until January 1, 2012 the increase in the contribution limit from \$350 to \$750 for contributions to candidates for municipal office.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 382 increases the contribution limit for gubernatorial candidates from \$750 to \$1500 and provides that beginning January 1, 2012 the contribution limit for municipal and other non-legislative candidates is \$750. The contribution limit of \$350 for legislative candidates is not affected by this law.

LD 864 An Act Regarding the Minimum Stock Required by Agency Liquor Stores PUBLIC 140

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM	S-69

This bill reduces the minimum dollar amount of product an agency liquor store is required to stock in order to be licensed from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The bill also requires the Department of Public Safety to amend its rules to implement the provisions of the bill.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-69)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment establishes a minimum number of product codes an agency liquor store must maintain as a licensee.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 140 provides that an agency liquor store located in a municipality with a population of 999 or less is only required to carry a minimum of 50 different spirit product codes. All other agency liquor stores are required to carry a minimum of 100 different spirit product codes.

LD 896 An Act To Adopt the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM KATZ		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes the adoption in this State of the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act approved and recommended by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and the incorporation of the provisions of the uniform act into the State's election laws.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

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This bill allows the relocation of an agency liquor store within the same municipality as the old location if notice is given to the municipality, the new location meets or exceeds the licensing criteria of the old location, the new location is not within 300 feet of another agency liquor store unless the old location was within 300 feet of another agency liquor store and the store has not relocated within the previous five-year period.

LD 943 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Eviction of Residential Tenants ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	ONTP	

This bill provides that the tenant in an eviction action has seven days in which to appeal the judgment. Current law allows the tenant to file an appeal until the writ of possession is issued, which the court must issue seven days after the judgment. The bill does not change the requirement that the tenant must move out within 48 hours after being served with the writ of possession.

LD 968 An Act To Require Participating Candidates Who Are Principal Officers of Political Action Committees To Give a Percentage of Funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARLOW SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill requires a candidate for the Senate or House who is a participating candidate in the Maine Clean Election Act and a principal officer of a political action committee established for the purpose of promoting the election or defeat of another candidate to deposit a percentage of the contributions received by the political action committee to the Maine Clean Election Fund. Deposits to the fund are capped at \$5,000 for Senate candidates and \$1,000 for House candidates.

LD 974 An Act To Revise the Laws on Tournament Games PUBLIC 325

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MALONEY PATRICK	OTP-AM	H-179

This bill revises the laws concerning tournament games of chance involving playing cards by allowing up to five tournament games per month and by replacing the graduated license fee that is determined by the number of players with a flat fee of \$100 per tournament game, \$300 per month or \$1,200 per year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-179)

This amendment reduces the number of monthly tournament games proposed by the bill from five to two. It replaces the license fee section of the bill with a fee structure that allows for a tournament that does not exceed 100 players to

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have a per tournament, monthly or annual license fee. For tournament games with over 100 players, the per tournament fee structure is the same as in existing law. The amendment also clarifies that the total amount of bets received for winner-take-all rounds must be paid to the winner or winners of the round and that all prizes awarded in conjunction with tournament games must be cash.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 325 increases the number of monthly tournament games authorized to be conducted by a charitable nonprofit organization from two to five. It replaces the license fee structure in current law with a fee structure that allows for a tournament that does not exceed 100 players to have a per tournament, monthly or annual license fee. For tournament games with over 100 players, the per tournament fee structure is the same as in existing law. This law also authorizes the licensee to run a 50-50 raffle and one \$5 maximum winner take-all round in conjunction with the tournament. Under chapter 325, the total amount of bets received for winner-take-all rounds must be paid to the winner or winners of the round and all prizes awarded in conjunction with tournament games must be cash.

LD 985 An Act Regarding Establishing a Slot Machine Facility

**DIED BETWEEN
HOUSES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This initiated bill authorizes the establishment of a slot machine facility in a municipality with a population of at least 30,000 in which slot machines were not in operation as of July 1, 2010 if the person who applies for a license to operate slot machines holds an option to purchase real property located in and owned by that municipality that was in effect on July 1, 2010 and approved by the voters of the municipality no later than July 1, 2010. The initiated bill removes the existing limit on the total number of slot machines that may be registered in this State, 1,500 machines, and replaces it with a limit of 1,500 slot machines at each licensed slot machine facility. The initiated bill provides for regulation of the slot machine facility authorized in the initiated bill by the Gambling Control Board. The slot machine operator would be required to collect and distribute 1% of gross slot machine income to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the General Fund for the administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Board. The initiated bill also requires the slot machine operator to collect and distribute 40% of net slot machine income to the board for distribution to various entities, in specified percentages for a variety of purposes that are also specified in the bill.

**LD 989 An Act To Improve Transparency in Political Campaigns by Providing
Quicker Access to Reports**

PUBLIC 367

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK	OTP-AM	S-232

This bill moves up by one week the last quarterly report before a November election required of political action committees and party committees for the reporting of contributions and expenditures.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-232)

This amendment changes the date proposed by the bill when political action and party committees must submit their

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last quarterly reports before a November election from October 3rd to October 5th.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 367 changes the date when political action and party committees must submit their last quarterly reports before a November election from October 10th to October 5th.

LD 1000 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine Centralization of the Petition Signature Verification Process RESOLVE 75

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN	OTP-AM	H-507

This bill requires the Secretary of State rather than the registrars to verify signatures on petitions. The Secretary of State is required to verify the signatures on primary petitions, nomination petitions, citizen initiatives and people's veto referenda. The Secretary of State is required to fund the system of centralized voter signature verification within existing budgeted resources, although the Secretary of State may seek outside grant funding.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-507)

This amendment replaces the bill and creates a resolve directing the Secretary of State to examine the feasibility of centralizing the process for verifying signatures on candidate petitions, citizens' initiatives and people's veto referendum petitions.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 75 directs the Secretary of State to examine the feasibility of centralizing the process for verifying signatures on candidate petitions, citizens' initiatives and people's veto referendum petitions.

LD 1006 An Act To Provide a Remedy to Property Owners When a Tenant Defaults on a Lease PUBLIC 122

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOULTON	OTP-AM	H-180

In *Rubin v. Josephson*, 478 A.2d 665 (Me. 1984), the Supreme Judicial Court held that, when a residential lease does not contain termination language, the landlord may not use the tenancy at will provisions of state law to terminate the lease. In those cases, the only remedy available to a landlord when there is nonpayment of rent by the tenant is the use of a forcible entry and detainer action. In response to that case, this bill allows a landlord, after providing notice and service, and with cause, as provided in the tenancy at will statute, to terminate a lease that does not contain termination, default or forfeiture language.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)

The bill provides that when a lease fails to contain termination language, the landlord may terminate the lease by providing the tenant with seven days' notice and proof of cause. The amendment continues that provision but additionally allows the tenant to terminate such a lease or contract by providing the landlord with seven days' notice in the event of a substantial breach of a provision of the lease or contract. This amendment also removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause and the application section, which applied the bill's provisions to

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residential leases existing on or after the effective date of the legislation.

Enacted Law Summary

In *Rubin v. Josephson*, 478 A.2d 665 (Me. 1984), the Supreme Judicial Court held that, when a residential lease does not contain termination language, the landlord may not use the tenancy at will provisions of state law to terminate the lease. In those cases, the only remedy available to a landlord when there is nonpayment of rent by the tenant is the use of a forcible entry and detainer action. In response to that case, Public Law 2011, chapter 122 allows a landlord, after providing notice and service, and with cause, as provided in the tenancy at will statute, to terminate a lease that does not contain termination, default or forfeiture language. The law also allows the tenant to terminate such a lease or contract by providing the landlord with seven days' notice in the event of a substantial breach of a provision of the lease or contract.

LD 1037 An Act To Establish a Welcome Home Bonus for Veterans of the Campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill provides to a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who served in Iraq or Afghanistan subsequent to September 11, 2001 a bonus of \$1,000 for the veteran's first deployment and \$500 for every subsequent deployment and to a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who served at least six months' active duty subsequent to September 11, 2001 but did not serve in Iraq or Afghanistan a bonus of \$500. In order to receive the bonus, the veteran must have been domiciled in the State for at least six months immediately prior to entering the Armed Forces, be honorably discharged and apply and provide proof of domicile to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans Services. The next of kin of a service member who is killed in action receives the bonus to which the service member would have been entitled. The bonus will not be available to a service member who serves after the cessation of hostilities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

LD 1048 An Act To Delay the Implementation of the Rental Housing Radon Testing Requirement PUBLIC 157

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	OTP-AM	H-212

Current law requires the owners of residential rental property to begin testing the air in that rental property for the presence of radon by 2012. This bill delays the date by which testing must be done to March 1, 2015.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-212)

This amendment changes the date by which radon testing of rental property must be done to March 1, 2014, instead of March 1, 2015, as proposed in the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Current law requires the owners of residential rental property to begin testing the air in that rental property for the presence of radon by 2012. Public Law 2011, chapter 157 delays the date by which testing must be done to March 1, 2014.

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LD 1054 An Act To Revise the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Legislative Leadership Positions

**ACCEPTED
REPORT A
(ONTP)**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO	ONTP A OTP-AM B OTP-AM C	

This bill prohibits a participating candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act from soliciting contributions from or accepting contributions for the establishment of a political action committee to influence or support the election of that participating candidate to a legislative leadership position.

LD 1067 An Act To Improve Awareness of Smoking Policies in Maine Rental Housing

PUBLIC 199

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANBORN BLISS	OTP-AM	H-276

This bill establishes the duties of a landlord in disclosing the policy pertaining to smoking on the premises to all tenants or potential tenants as well as purchasers of condominiums. Disclosures must be in writing and signed by both parties.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-276)

This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill. The amendment requires that landlords disclose the policy pertaining to smoking on the premises to all tenants or potential tenants. The amendment requires the landlord to provide notice as part of a lease agreement or through a separate written notice to those tenants or potential tenants entering into a tenancy at will agreement. The amendment removes the requirement in the bill that the landlord provide notice using a form developed by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention through rules. The amendment removes the penalty provision in the bill and clarifies that the failure by a landlord to provide disclosure of the smoking policy as required does not create grounds for a private cause of action by a tenant against a landlord. The amendment clarifies that a tenant may not use a violation of a smoking policy by another tenant as the basis for a private cause of action against a landlord. The amendment also removes the section of the bill requiring disclosure of smoking policies to purchasers of condominiums.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 199 requires that landlords disclose the policy pertaining to smoking on the premises to all tenants or potential tenants either as part of a written lease agreement or through a separate written notice to those tenants or potential tenants entering into a tenancy at will agreement. The law clarifies that the failure by a landlord to provide disclosure of the smoking policy as required does not create grounds for a private cause of action by a tenant against a landlord and also clarifies that a tenant may not use a violation of a smoking policy by another tenant as the basis for a private cause of action against a landlord.

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LD 1100 An Act To Increase Transparency in Funding of Campaign Advertisements

PUBLIC 360

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY	OTP-AM	S-234

This bill amends the law governing the requirements of campaign communications that are not paid for or authorized by a candidate. For written communications, the font of the disclosure required is increased from 10-point to 12-point. For communications broadcast over television or radio or posted on the Internet, the disclosure must be made at the beginning and at the end of the communication.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-234)

This amendment strikes the provision of the bill that requires additional disclaimers for television, radio and Internet advertisements not authorized by a candidate. It retains the portion of the bill that increases the font size on print advertisements not authorized by a candidate.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 360 increases the font size on print advertisements not authorized by a candidate from 10-point to 12-point.

LD 1126 An Act To Require That the Governor Be Elected by the Ranked-choice Voting Method

MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUSSELL	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill creates the ranked-choice voting method of determining winners in elections for Governor. The method simulates the ballot counts that would occur if all voters participated in a series of run-off elections and allows a voter to rank candidates according to that voter's preferences. Each voter has only one vote and the ballot count is the same as would occur if voters participated in a series of run-off elections, with the candidate with the fewest votes eliminated after each round of counting. There is an initial round of counting. If more than two candidates have received votes after the initial round, the Secretary of State conducts a second round. In this second round, the Secretary of State eliminates the candidate with the fewest votes. A ballot that ranks this eliminated candidate as the highest-ranked candidate is counted as a vote for the highest-ranked advancing candidate on that ballot. An advancing candidate is a candidate who has not been eliminated. This process of counting votes and eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes continues until two candidates remain. The candidate with the most votes is declared the winner. The bill requires that the question of electing the Governor in this manner go to a statewide referendum to have the citizens of the State vote on the matter.

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LD 1134 An Act To Make Municipal Recounts Consistent with State Recounts

PUBLIC 255

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-176

This bill makes most provisions governing recounts of state elections for office and ballot initiatives apply to recounts of municipal elections for office and referenda.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-176)

This amendment clarifies that election officials may take part in municipal recounts of elections. It also provides that a preliminary inspection of the ballots and the incoming voting list may be requested to determine whether or not to request a recount as established by the bill. That inspection process is based on what is in current law for the inspection of ballots at the municipal level. This amendment also makes technical changes to the bill, replacing the term "ballot inspection" with the term "recount" where applicable.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 255 applies the process that governs recounts of state elections for office and ballot initiatives to recounts of municipal elections for office and referenda. Unlike state recounts, the municipal process established in this law provides that a preliminary inspection of the ballots and the incoming voting list may be requested to determine whether or not to request a recount as established by the bill. That inspection process is based on what is in current law for the inspection of ballots at the municipal level.

LD 1140 An Act To Amend the Dual Liquor License Law

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PILON LANGLEY	ONTP	

This bill allows a licensee who has a dual liquor license to serve wine and malt liquor on the premises. This bill also extends the time that wine and malt liquor may be served to 11:00 p.m.

LD 1141 An Act To Allow Direct Shipment of Beer and Wine by Retail Licensees

**ACCEPTED
ONTP REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PILON LANGLEY	ONTP	

This bill allows off-premise retail licensees of beer and wine to direct ship beer and wine in and outside the State subject to certain conditions, including:

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1. The transaction must be consummated on the licensed premises;
2. The beer or wine must be purchased from a licensed wholesaler;
3. The recipient must be 21 years of age or older and provide proof of age upon delivery;
4. The beer or wine may only be for personal use and not for resale; and
5. The package must contain a label on its exterior indicating that it contains alcohol and may only be delivered to a recipient who is 21 years of age or older.

LD 1150 An Act To Improve the Administration of the Legislative Ethics Laws Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM		

This bill allows the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to investigate a possible violation of legislative ethics upon its own motion. The bill requires the commission to allow a Legislator the opportunity to answer a complaint in writing and in person before the commission decides to conduct an investigation. The bill allows the commission to commence an investigation on information it receives other than through a complaint filed against a Legislator. The bill fixes cross-references.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 1151 An Act Regarding Reporting Procedures of Lobbyists PUBLIC 179

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM	OTP	

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing lobbyist disclosure procedures.

1. It requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to display on its publicly accessible website monthly reports filed by lobbyists and an annual summary of those monthly reports.
2. It eliminates the requirement that lobbyists and employers of lobbyists file annual reports with the commission.
3. It establishes the procedure for the commission to follow after a registration or report is filed late and defines "mitigating circumstances" for purposes of determining in which cases the commission may waive a penalty.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 179 makes the following changes to the laws governing lobbyist disclosure procedures.

1. It requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to display on its publicly accessible website monthly reports filed by lobbyists and an annual summary of those monthly reports.

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- 2. It eliminates the requirement that lobbyists and employers of lobbyists file annual reports with the commission.
- 3. It establishes the procedure for the commission to follow after a registration or report is filed late and defines "mitigating circumstances" for purposes of determining in which cases the commission may waive a penalty.

LD 1155 An Act To Allow Harness Racing Betting To Be Conducted at Class A Lounges PUBLIC 99

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAY SHERMAN	OTP	

This bill allows an off-track betting facility to be operated at a Class A lounge as long as all other requirements for licensure as an off-track betting facility are satisfied.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 99 allows an off-track betting facility to be operated at a Class A lounge as long as all other requirements for licensure as an off-track betting facility are satisfied.

LD 1180 An Act To Transfer Responsibility for Oversight of Games of Chance to the Gambling Control Board ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	ONTP	

This bill transfers the responsibility of the administration of the laws governing beano and games of chance from the Chief of the State Police to the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Board within the Department of Public Safety. It also requires the executive director to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs with recommended legislation to ensure that the executive director has been vested with the authority to completely administer those laws.

LD 1190 An Act To Support Maine Veterans Nonprofit Corporations MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CORNELL DU HOUX PATRICK	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill establishes the Casino Veterans Fund, funded by 2% of casino gambling revenues, to award grants to nonprofit corporations that support or assist veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

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LD 1203 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Deadline and Conditions for Municipal Approval of a Second Racino and To Allow a Tribal Racino in Washington County ENACTMENT FAILED

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-400

This initiated bill allows the Gambling Control Board within the Department of Public Safety to accept applications for a license to operate slot machines from any person who is licensed to operate a commercial track located at or within a 25-mile radius of the center of a commercial track that conducted harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on more than 25 days during calendar year 2002 or from any person who is licensed to operate a commercial track that is owned and operated by one or more federally recognized Indian tribes located in this State if the operation of these slot machines is approved by the voters of the municipality in which the commercial track to be licensed is located by referendum held before December 31, 2013. Current law requires the commercial track to be located at or within a five-mile radius of the center of a commercial track that conducted harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on more than 25 days during calendar year 2002 and requires the referendum to have been held before December 31, 2003. The initiated bill changes the definition of "commercial track" to include a harness horse racing track licensed to conduct harness horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering that is owned and operated by one or more federally recognized Indian tribes located in this State, is located more than 90 miles from the nearest existing commercial track that operates slot machines, is within 45 miles of the operating tribe's Indian reservation and conducts racing on more than 25 days each calendar year after having been granted a license to conduct harness horse racing. The initiated bill provides that a license to operate slot machines at a commercial track may not be denied on the basis of the proximity of the commercial track to any other gambling facility if the commercial track was licensed and operating before the other gambling facility was licensed, unless the commercial track proposes to relocate or has relocated closer to the other gambling facility after the other facility was licensed and operating. The initiated bill permits the Gambling Control Board to allow an additional 1,500 slot machines to be registered for each commercial track at which slot machines were not operated prior to January 1, 2010 and at which the operation of slot machines is licensed after January 1, 2010. Current law limits the total number of slot machines registered in the State to 1,500.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-400)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1228 An Act To Streamline the Liquor Licensing Reporting Procedure PUBLIC 147

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'BRIEN	OTP-AM	H-137

This bill simplifies the process for reporting and payment of taxes on malt liquor and wine by requiring reports and payments for liquor excise taxes to be made at the same time as sales tax and permits a distiller that is an in-state manufacturer with a retail license to pay the alcohol bureau based upon the difference between the retail price of the manufacturer's product and the price that the alcohol bureau pays the manufacturer for the product rather than requiring the manufacturer to deliver the product to the state warehouse and purchase it back for

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retail sale.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-137)

This amendment strikes the provision of the bill that provided an exception to the procedure for the distribution of spirits for an in-state manufacturer with a small distillery off-premises retail license.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 147 changes the process for reporting and payment of taxes on malt liquor and wine by requiring reports and payments for liquor excise taxes to be made at the same time as sales tax.

**LD 1245 An Act To Modify the Responsibilities of the Commission on ONTP
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	ONTP	

This bill requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to issue an advisory opinion at the request of a person with duties under the governmental ethics laws.

**LD 1254 Resolve, Directing the Executive Director of the Commission on RESOLVE 87
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Review the Law
Governing Push Polling**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILL	OTP-AM	S-233

This bill amends the laws restricting push polling by:

1. Exempting an organization that collects or tabulates significant survey results, as determined by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices; and
2. Increasing the fine that may be imposed for a violation of push polling requirements or failing to register as a person conducting push polling from \$500 to an amount up to \$10,000, which gives the commission some discretion when imposing a fine.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-233)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the executive director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to review the laws governing push polling and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 87 directs the executive director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to review the laws governing push polling and submit a report no later than February 1, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

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LD 1260 An Act To Improve Transparency in Maine Government

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

Under current law and rules of the Legislature, a Legislator is prohibited from voting on legislation on the grounds of conflict of interest only if the Legislator or certain family members or business associates would derive a unique and distinct benefit from the legislation. This bill provides that a Legislator faces a conflict of interest in voting if the Legislator or an immediate family member or close economic associate of the Legislator would be benefited or harmed by the legislation to a degree that is significantly greater than similarly situated persons or entities, or the Legislator, a member of the Legislator's immediate family or a close economic associate is a member of a small group of persons or entities that would derive a significant benefit or harm from the proposed legislation. The bill also prohibits a person who served as a Legislator from lobbying until one year after that person's term as a Legislator ends and prohibits a person who has been registered as a lobbyist from serving as an official in the executive branch until one year after that person's registration as a lobbyist expires. The bill subjects the transition team of a Governor-elect to the laws governing freedom of access.

LD 1262 An Act To Increase Penalties for Certain Violations of the Campaign Reports and Financing Laws

Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLISS		

This bill sets the basic penalties for filing a late report by a party committee and a political action committee to 5% of the committee's total contributions or expenditures for the relevant filing period multiplied by the number of calendar days late for a first violation, 10% for a second violation and 15% for a third and subsequent violation. The bill also changes the law setting out the maximum penalties to provide for a \$100,000 penalty for late reports required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1019-B, subsection 3 and Title 21-A, sections 1056-B and 1059; a \$100,000 penalty for late state party committee reports required under section 1017-A, subsection 4-A, paragraphs A, B, C and E; a \$5,000 penalty for reports required under Title 21-A, section 1017, subsection 2, paragraph A; and a \$1,000 penalty for late reports by municipal, district and county committees required under Title 21-A, section 1017-A, subsection 4-B. The bill eliminates the cap on the penalty for reports required under Title 21-A, section 1017, subsection 3-A, paragraph A. The bill also allows the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to assess a fine up to \$100,000 for a violation of the reporting requirements of Title 21-A, sections 1017 and 1019-B if it determines that the failure to file a timely and accurate report resulted in the late payment of matching funds. The bill also corrects a cross-reference.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

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LD 1265 An Act To Allow the Unclaimed Remains of a Veteran To Have Proper Burial

PUBLIC 318

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM	OTP-AM	S-231

This bill allows a funeral director or other authorized person to determine the veteran status of cremated remains left in the possession of the funeral director or other authorized person for over 120 days and, if the remains are those of a veteran, to relinquish control of or dispose of the remains to a veterans' service organization to be finally disposed of in a national cemetery or other cemetery that memorializes or recognizes the graves of veterans.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-231)

This amendment increases the time period in the bill after which a funeral director may dispose of or relinquish possession of a veteran's cremated remains from 120 days to one year.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 318 allows a funeral director or other authorized person to determine the veteran status of cremated remains left for over one year in the possession of the funeral director or other authorized person and, if the remains are those of a veteran, to relinquish control of or dispose of the remains to a veterans' service organization to be finally disposed of in a national cemetery or other cemetery that memorializes or recognizes the graves of veterans.

LD 1277 An Act To Exempt Contributions for the Retirement of Old Campaign Debt from Contribution Limits

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN	ONTP	

This bill provides an exception to the law that limits campaign contributions. It provides that contributions may exceed the limit if their purpose is to retire campaign debt that is at least six years old. In order to accept these contributions in excess of the limit, the former candidate may not be serving in office or be a candidate for office.

LD 1300 An Act To Create a Consolidated Liquor License and Amend the Laws Governing Agency Liquor Stores

PUBLIC 460

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	S-226

Current law limits the number of agency liquor stores that sell spirits based on the population of a municipality. This bill removes those limits. The bill provides that beginning January 1, 2012 a municipality may establish a limit for agency liquor stores through action of the governing body or a popular referendum. The bill also provides for a

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combined license for agency liquor stores that also sell beer and wine. Under current law an agency liquor store must obtain separate licenses to sell beer and wine. Finally, this bill dedicates 10% of that combined license fee to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse for underage drinking prevention.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-226)

This amendment strikes the sections of the bill that remove limits on the number of agency liquor stores established under state law and allow municipalities to set a limit on the number of agency liquor stores. The amendment provides that an applicant for an agency liquor store license that is a branch of a chain retailer that has held agency liquor store licenses without violation is not subject to the requirement that the applicant be licensed to sell beer and wine for one year prior to being eligible for an agency liquor store license. The amendment reduces the fee for the Class VIII license established by the bill from \$900 to \$775 and provides that the fee may be prorated. Finally, the amendment changes the amount that is credited to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse from 10% of the Class VIII license fees to \$75 from each Class VIII license fee. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-227)

This amendment strikes the sections of the bill that remove limits on the number of agency liquor stores established under state law and allow municipalities to set a limit on the number of agency liquor stores. The amendment provides that an applicant for an agency liquor store license that is a branch of a chain retailer that has held agency liquor store licenses without violation is not subject to the requirement that the applicant be licensed to sell beer and wine for one year prior to being eligible for an agency liquor store license. The amendment reduces the fee for the Class VIII license established by the bill from \$900 to \$700 and provides that the fee may be prorated. This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 460 establishes a consolidated license for an agency liquor store that includes the license for off-premise sales of beer and wine. The fee for this license, called a Class VIII license, is \$700 and may be prorated. This fee does not include the initial \$2,000 fee required of an agency liquor store. This law also provides that an applicant for an agency liquor store license that is a branch of a chain retailer that has held agency liquor store licenses without violation is not subject to the requirement that the applicant be licensed to sell beer and wine for one year prior to being eligible for an agency liquor store license.

LD 1305 An Act To Limit the Use of the National Guard to Situations Specifically Authorized by the United States Constitution

MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

Sponsor(s)

LIBBY
BARTLETT

Committee Report

ONTP MAJ
OTP MIN

Amendments Adopted

This bill requires the Governor to withhold or withdraw approval of the transfer of the Maine National Guard to federal control in the absence of an explicit authorization in pursuance of the powers delegated to the Federal Government in the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 8.

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LD 1339 An Act To Amend the Process for Appeals of Liquor Licensing Decisions ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN	ONTP	

This bill amends the hearing process conducted by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Liquor Enforcement of an appeal of a decision of municipal officers or county commissioners regarding the issuance, denial, renewal or revocation of a liquor license. This bill requires the bureau to hold a new evidentiary hearing and consider all pertinent evidence regarding the decision of the municipal officers or county commissioners. The bill also removes the current requirement that the bureau must find by clear and convincing evidence that a denial of an application was without justifiable cause before reversing that decision.

LD 1344 An Act To Fund Commuter and Passenger Rail Transportation in Maine MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN PATRICK	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill amends the distribution of revenue from the operation of slot machines at the casino in Oxford County. It strikes the percentage of revenue to be distributed to the Sire Stakes Fund and to supplement harness racing purses. The bill takes the 2% that would have gone to those two funds and dedicates it to the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund for the purpose of developing passenger rail service between points within the State and Oxford County.

LD 1355 An Act To Encourage Transparency in Certain Organizations Involved in Political Campaigns ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARTLETT	ONTP	

This bill requires certain disclosures and other requirements relating to campaign-related contributions, expenditures and public communications, including:

1. Prohibits a person who receives funds from the State or a political subdivision of the State from making an expenditure or public communication that initiates or influences a campaign until the funds are completely expended or, if the funds are in the form of a loan, until the loan is paid in full;
2. Requires certain disclaimers to be included in political action committee public communications that initiate or influence a campaign;

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- 3. Requires that a candidate receive the lowest rate for television airtime if a political action committee spends \$15,000 to run a televised communication concerning the candidate; and
- 4. Amends the definition of political action committee.

LD 1358 An Act To Amend the Requirements Concerning Small Restaurants That Serve Alcoholic Beverages

**PUBLIC 242
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FITTS MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-366

This bill allows a restaurant with a seating capacity of fewer than 40 persons and only one restroom to be issued a dual liquor license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-366)

This amendment replaces the bill, including the title. The amendment provides that restaurants licensed to serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption with a seating capacity of 40 or fewer persons are only required to have one toilet facility. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 242 provides that restaurants licensed to serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption with a seating capacity of 40 or fewer persons are only required to have one toilet facility.

Public Law, chapter 242 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 7, 2011.

LD 1376 An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Voter Registration and Election Process

PUBLIC 399

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING RAYE	OTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill eliminates registration of new voters on election day and during the two business days before election day, but does allow an already registered voter who has had a change of name or a change of address within the municipality to update voter registration records up to and including on election day. This bill changes the minimum hours required by the registrar to be open to accept new in-person registrations on the deadline for registration before election day. The bill also changes the requirements for the municipality to publish the registrar's hours for the deadline day in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality at least 10 to 15 business days before election day, and provides that municipalities with a population of 2,500 or fewer may give notice by other means the registrar considers sufficient to provide notice to the voters. The bill establishes a provisional voting procedure, as required by the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, 42 United States Code, Section 15482, to allow a person who has registered to vote but whose name was omitted from the voting list in error to vote using a provisional ballot. The bill requires that the municipal clerk or registrar resolve and either count or reject the provisional ballots within three business days after the election and report the status of the provisional ballots to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State must publish the provisional ballot information on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website at least 20 days after the election, so that provisional voters know whether or not their ballots were cast and counted. The bill also prohibits the issuance of absentee ballots after the third business day

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before election day, except when the voter signs an application designating one of the allowable reasons for voting by absentee ballot on that day.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 399 eliminates registration of new voters on election day and during the two business days before election day, but does allow an already registered voter who has had a change of name or a change of address within the municipality to update voter registration records up to and including on election day. It changes the minimum hours required by the registrar to be open to accept new in-person registrations on the deadline for registration before election day. Chapter 399 also changes the requirements for the municipality to publish the registrar's hours for the deadline day in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality at least 10 to 15 business days before election day, and provides that municipalities with a population of 2,500 or fewer may give notice by other means the registrar considers sufficient to provide notice to the voters. This law establishes a provisional voting procedure, as required by the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, 42 United States Code, Section 15482, to allow a person who has registered to vote but whose name was omitted from the voting list in error to vote using a provisional ballot. It requires that the municipal clerk or registrar resolve and either count or reject the provisional ballots within three business days after the election and report the status of the provisional ballots to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State must publish the provisional ballot information on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website at least 20 days after the election, so that provisional voters know whether or not their ballots were cast and counted. This law also prohibits the issuance of absentee ballots after the third business day before election day, except when the voter signs an application designating one of the allowable reasons for voting by absentee ballot on that day.

LD 1403 An Act To Allow Eligible Nonprofit Organizations To Hold Two Card Games Per Month ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARKE GOODALL	ONTP	

Under current law the Chief of the State Police may issue one license a month to conduct a tournament game, including a Texas Hold 'em game, to an eligible nonprofit organization. This bill allows the Chief of the State Police to issue two licenses a month.

LD 1418 An Act To Allow Table Games at a Facility Licensed To Operate Slot Machines on January 1, 2011 PUBLIC 417

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAMON FARNHAM	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-522 H-659 DAMON H-675 DAMON

This bill provides that a slot machine facility that was operating slot machines as of January 1, 2011 may receive a license to operate a casino that includes table games. Distribution of revenue from slot machines operated at a casino that was a slot machine facility is changed to make it similar to that of the slot machine facility except the 1% distribution of gross revenue is replaced by an increase of the net distribution to the General Fund. In total, the amount of distribution is increased to 46% of net revenue. A casino that was not a slot machine facility on January

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1, 2011 is also subject to a 46% distribution of net revenue but the distribution is divided among different accounts.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-522)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board may issue a casino operator license to a commercial track that was licensed to operate slot machines on January 1, 2011. It provides that the initial application fee for this type of casino is \$25,000. The amendment establishes a privilege fee for the operation of table games. The distribution of slot machine revenue at a commercial track licensed to operate a casino under this amendment would be the same as when the commercial track was licensed simply as a slot machine facility. The fee for each table is \$100,000 for a 20-year privilege with a \$1,000 annual renewal fee. A casino operated in Oxford County would be permitted to operate table games for one calendar year before being subject to the table game fee. The amendment establishes a separate structure for the distribution of revenue for table games operated at a casino that is a commercial track that distributes 16% of net table game revenue, 9% to the General Fund, 3% to a dedicated administrative expenses account for the Gambling Control Board, 2% to the host municipality and 2% to a fund to benefit charitable nonprofit organizations whose gaming revenue has been negatively affected by slot machine and table game operation. Table game fees and the 3% of net table game revenue at the Oxford County Casino, which under current law goes to the General Fund, goes to the dedicated Gambling Control Board account under this amendment. This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and clause to the bill.

House Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-659)

This amendment strikes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

House Amendment "D" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-675)

This amendment requires a commercial track licensed to operate slot machines on January 1, 2011 that wants to be licensed as a casino to receive approval of the voters of the county in which the commercial track is located. The amendment also specifies that the question must be sent out to referendum in Penobscot County in November 2011.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 417 provides that the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board may issue a casino operator license to a commercial track that was licensed to operate slot machines on January 1, 2011. It provides that the initial application fee for this type of casino is \$25,000. The distribution of slot machine revenue at a commercial track licensed to operate a casino under this law is the same as when the commercial track was licensed simply as a slot machine facility. This law establishes a privilege fee for the operation of table games in addition to the existing registration fees. The fee for each table is \$100,000 for a 20-year privilege with a \$1,000 annual renewal fee. A casino operated in Oxford County would be permitted to operate table games for one calendar year before being subject to the table game fee. This law establishes a separate structure for the distribution of revenue for table games operated at a casino that is a commercial track that distributes 16% of net table game revenue, 9% to the General Fund, 3% to a dedicated administrative expenses account for the Gambling Control Board, 2% to the host municipality and 2% to a fund to benefit charitable nonprofit organizations whose gaming revenue has been negatively affected by slot machine and table game operation. Table game fees and the 3% of net table game revenue at the Oxford County Casino, which under current law goes to the General Fund, goes to the dedicated Gambling Control Board account under this law.

Chapter 417 requires a commercial track licensed to operate slot machines on January 1, 2011 that wants to be licensed as a casino to receive approval of the voters of the county in which the commercial track is located. The question must be sent out to referendum in Penobscot County in November 2011.

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LD 1427 An Act To Amend Seasonal Licenses for the Operation of Beano or Bingo Games

PUBLIC 339

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-252

This bill amends the law regarding seasonal licenses to operate beano or bingo games without profit, which currently may be issued to resort hotels for their registered guests on the premises of the resort. Current law prohibits minors under 16 years of age from playing beano or bingo games or being in a place where the games are being operated without an adult. The bill allows minors under 16 years of age, without being accompanied by an adult, to participate in bingo or beano games operated at the resort hotel as long as the prize is a nonmonetary prize, which may include a credit for food served on the premises of the resort, valued at no more than \$10.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-252)

This amendment replaces the bill. It clarifies the description of a resort hotel. The amendment strikes the provision of the bill that permits a fee for participation in a beano or bingo game operated by a seasonal licensee. It requires that all prizes awarded be nonmonetary, unlike the bill, which only places that restriction on players 16 years of age or younger. It also adds a requirement that beano or bingo games played where people under 16 years of age are permitted must be conducted where no alcoholic beverages are sold and that no other gaming activities take place. Finally, this amendment limits the number of seasonal beano or bingo licenses that may be issued to resort hotels by the Chief of the State Police to 10 per year.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 339 amends the law that governs seasonal licenses for the operation of beano or bingo by resort hotels. This law clarifies the definition of a resort hotel and permits play by persons under the age of 16 even if they are not accompanied by a parent or guardian. It also adds a requirement that beano or bingo games played where people under 16 years of age are permitted must be conducted where no alcoholic beverages are sold and that no other gaming activities take place. It requires that all prizes awarded be nonmonetary. Finally, chapter 339 limits the number of seasonal beano or bingo licenses that may be issued to resort hotels by the Chief of the State Police to 10 per year.

LD 1469 An Act To Permit Video Gaming for Money Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations

Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FITTS		

This bill allows operation of video gaming terminals by nonprofit organizations that are eligible for games of chance licenses and that are exempt from federal tax under the United States Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(8), 501(c)(10) or 501(c)(19). These sections of the federal tax code refer to charitable organizations, civic leagues, fraternal benefit societies, domestic fraternal societies and associations and veterans' organizations. Organizations that currently have licenses for electronic video machines but do not qualify under one of those code sections may apply for an initial license while they seek the required federal tax status. The organization applying for the license must own or lease the premises on which the terminals will be placed and must use the premises for its charitable or nonprofit purpose. Video gaming terminal manufacturers, wholesalers and

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operators must be licensed by the Chief of the State Police, following background investigations of the applicants and their major business partners. Local approval is required for a license to operate video gaming terminals. The license specifies the number of terminals allowed on the premises; the maximum number of terminals allowed is five per premises of a licensee. Terminals must be licensed by the Chief of the State Police and must be connected to a computer system operated by the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. By the end of a five-year phase-in period, this computer system must provide continuous online monitoring of video gaming terminal activity. Persons under 21 years of age are not allowed to use the machines. Only members of the organization and their guests are allowed to play. The maximum dollar amount for each play is \$5 and the maximum payout is \$1,250. Each game on each machine must return at least 80% of wagers to players, calculated on an annual basis. Net terminal income, which is income after payback to players, is divided as follows: 8% to the State for payment into the Video Gaming Fund, which is established in the bill, for administrative expenses, gambling rehabilitation, municipal revenue sharing and public education; 2% to the Compulsive Gambler Rehabilitation Fund, which is established in the bill; 15% to the General Fund; 10% to the host municipality; and 65% to the licensee. Licenses are issued for one year. Applicants for an initial license must pay the actual costs of processing the application and performing the background investigation.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 1474 An Act To Amend the Beano Laws

PUBLIC 301

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESCHL SAVIELLO	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-509

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the laws governing "Beano" and "Bingo" games to allow nonprofit organizations to conduct "Beano" and "Bingo" games once a year and award prize baskets with a value of no more than \$5,000 to the winners; nonwinners would be allowed to choose from a number of consolation prizes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-509)

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. The amendment allows a person licensed to conduct beano and bingo games to offer a prize with a total value of up to \$2,000 once per calendar year on one occasion. The prize limit in current law is \$1,400.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 301 allows a person licensed to conduct beano and bingo games to offer a prize with a total value of up to \$2,000 once per calendar year on one occasion. The prize limit in current law is \$1,400.

LD 1478 An Act To Fully Enfranchise Voters

PUBLIC 409

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-508 H-654 TURNER

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This bill provides that, if a state legislative district consists of more than one town, a person who resides in a town in that state legislative district that does not hold a caucus after the death, withdrawal or disqualification of a candidate may vote at a caucus held by another town in that state legislative district if the person is eligible to vote in a primary election in that person's town. The bill also requires the chair of each political party to determine where a caucus is to be held.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-508)

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that when a political committee holds a meeting to fill a vacancy for a candidacy or seat for a State Senator or Representative in a legislative district containing 10 or more municipalities, the political committee must permit anyone enrolled in the party to vote to nominate or elect a person to fill the vacancy. It also provides that the failure of a municipality in that district to hold a biennial municipal caucus does not prohibit voters in that municipality from participating in or voting at the meeting to fill a vacancy.

House Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-654)

This amendment allows a municipality that has not held a biennial caucus, following the proclamation of the Governor declaring a vacancy in the House of Representatives for that municipality, to hold a caucus within 15 days of the Governor's proclamation to choose a nominee to fill the vacancy. This amendment also specifies that the Governor must allow the political committee at least 15 days to choose a nominee for the vacant seat.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 409 allows a municipality that has not held a biennial caucus, following the proclamation of the Governor declaring a vacancy in the House of Representatives for that municipality, to hold a caucus within 15 days of the Governor's proclamation to choose a nominee to fill the vacancy. Chapter 409 also specifies that the Governor must allow the political committee at least 15 days to choose a nominee for the vacant seat.

LD 1513 An Act To Clarify the Maine State Lottery Agent Licensing Process

PUBLIC 310

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	OTP-AM	H-481

This bill makes the following changes to the law regarding the operations of lotteries.

1. It amends the definition of "person" to include other forms of businesses.
2. It clarifies the rule-making authority of the State Liquor and Lottery Commission relating to license issuance, denial, suspension and revocation.
3. It clarifies that the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services or the director's designee has the authority to deny, suspend or revoke a license to sell lottery tickets or shares.
4. It clarifies that the appeal of a decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license may be made to the commission.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-481)

This amendment makes technical clarifications regarding the authority of the State Liquor and Lottery Commission and the Director of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to administer all of the forms of lottery games under the commission's jurisdiction. The

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amendment also strikes a provision of the bill that removes the requirement that lottery license suspension or revocation appeals be conducted in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 310 amends the definition of "person" to include other forms of businesses and clarifies the rule-making authority of the State Liquor and Lottery Commission relating to license issuance, denial, suspension and revocation. This law also provides that the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services or the director's designee has the authority to deny, suspend or revoke a license to sell lottery tickets or shares.

LD 1523 An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK		

This bill amends the Maine Clean Election Act by replacing the seed money provisions with provisions for allowable contributions, which are contributions of no more than \$100 from an individual. The bill allows participating and certified candidates to raise allowable contributions, sets limits and other requirements on allowable contributions and provides for matching funds for allowable contributions in the amount of \$3 for every \$1 of allowable contributions.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

**LD 1526 An Act Regarding Corporate and Other Entity Campaign Advertising MINORITY
Disclosure and Accountability (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HINCK JACKSON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill requires corporations or groups, including political action committees and unions, that make expenditures or contributions for political communications to get approval from the majority of the corporation's shareholders or, for other groups, approval for contributions and expenditures from a majority of its membership. It provides for specific disclosures by corporations or groups that make political communications. The bill establishes liability for a corporation or group if it violates the disclosure and reporting requirements. It also provides for a shareholder of the corporation or member of the group to seek compensatory and punitive damages from the directors of the corporation or group.

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LD 1528 An Act To Amend the Election Laws and Other Related Laws

PUBLIC 342

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-474

This bill clarifies the requirements for the information that is created to help voters understand ballot questions, including the Attorney General's explanatory statement of what a "yes" vote favors and what a "no" vote opposes; the Office of Fiscal and Program Review's estimate of the fiscal impact on state revenues, appropriations and allocations of each ballot measure; and the Treasurer's Statement that accompanies each bond issue. This bill reorganizes the section on retention of election materials so that the incoming voting list is addressed separately from the ballots. The bill adds a voter's year of birth to the information that must be included on the incoming voting list and specifies that the incoming voting list is a public record after it is unsealed following the election. This bill reorganizes and enhances the sections of law governing the instructions that the Secretary of State must prepare for election officials and voters and details how informational materials must be made available to the voters. The bill clarifies the sections dealing with candidate withdrawals less than 60 days before a primary or general election. The bill also reorganizes the section of law governing how official ballots are provided to municipalities and specifies how the chain of custody must be maintained. This bill reorganizes the section of law governing how voted ballots are sealed and secured following the election and creates a separate section to describe the ballot security materials supplied by the Secretary of State. The bill creates a new requirement that a municipality must apply to the Secretary of State at least 60 days before an election to change the location of a voting place. The bill makes explicit that it is a crime for a person who is entrusted with another voter's marked ballot to disclose the contents of that ballot to another person. The bill also provides that absentee envelopes and applications are to be sealed separately from the ballots so that they become public records after they are unsealed. The bill permits the Secretary of State to authorize the municipal clerk, in the presence of the warden and an election clerk from each of the major parties, to open the sealed ballot security containers after an election for specific, limited purposes. The bill requires the municipal clerk or registrar to keep a log of the petitions that are submitted to the municipal office for certification. The bill also clarifies the supervisory experience required for candidates for the office of sheriff. The bill makes other routine or technical changes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-474)

This amendment provides that a municipality with a population of 500 or less may open its voting place as late as 10:00 a.m. on election day. All other municipalities must open their voting places no later than 8:00 a.m. The amendment requires notification to be made to the state chairs of each political party when the Secretary of State authorizes a municipal clerk to open a sealed ballot container. Finally, the amendment adds a new section to the bill that prohibits a municipal clerk from removing absentee ballots from the municipal office to conduct in-person absentee voting unless requested to do so by the voter and prohibits a candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family from assisting the clerk in delivering absentee ballots. The bill proposes to make the disclosure of another person's voted ballot a Class D crime. The amendment makes such disclosure a Class E crime.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 342 is an omnibus bill dealing with many provisions in the election laws. It clarifies the requirements for the information that is created to help voters understand ballot questions, including the Attorney General's explanatory statement of what a "yes" vote favors and what a "no" vote opposes; the Office of Fiscal and Program Review's estimate of the fiscal impact on state revenues, appropriations and allocations of each ballot measure; and the Treasurer's Statement that accompanies each bond issue. Chapter 342 reorganizes the section of statute on retention of election materials so that the incoming voting list is addressed separately from the ballots. It adds a voter's year of birth to the information that must be included on the incoming voting list and specifies that the

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incoming voting list is a public record after it is unsealed following the election. This law reorganizes and enhances the sections of law governing the instructions that the Secretary of State must prepare for election officials and voters and details how informational materials must be made available to the voters. Chapter 342 clarifies the sections dealing with candidate withdrawals less than 60 days before a primary or general election. It also reorganizes the section of law governing how official ballots are provided to municipalities and specifies how the chain of custody must be maintained. Chapter 342 reorganizes the section of law governing how voted ballots are sealed and secured following the election and creates a separate section to describe the ballot security materials supplied by the Secretary of State. This law creates a new requirement that a municipality must apply to the Secretary of State at least 60 days before an election to change the location of a voting place. Chapter 342 clarifies the statute so it is explicit that it is a crime for a person who is entrusted with another voter's marked ballot to disclose the contents of that ballot to another person. This law also provides that absentee envelopes and applications are to be sealed separately from the ballots so that they become public records after they are unsealed. Under this law, the Secretary of State may authorize the municipal clerk, in the presence of the warden and an election clerk from each of the major parties, to open the sealed ballot security containers after an election for specific, limited purposes. In the event of opening a sealed ballot security container, chapter 342 requires notification to be made to the state chairs of each political party. This law requires the municipal clerk or registrar to keep a log of the petitions that are submitted to the municipal office for certification. Chapter 342 also clarifies the supervisory experience required for candidates for the office of sheriff. This law provides that a municipality with a population of 500 or less may open its voting place as late as 10:00 a.m. on election day. All other municipalities must open their voting places no later than 8:00 a.m. Finally, chapter 342 prohibits a municipal clerk from removing absentee ballots from the municipal office to conduct in-person absentee voting unless requested to do so by the voter and prohibits a candidate or a member of the candidate's immediate family from assisting the clerk in delivering absentee ballots.

LD 1539 An Act To Improve Laws on Gaming

Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to improve the laws governing gaming.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 1541 An Act To Amend the Campaign Finance Laws

**PUBLIC 389
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNHAM	OTP-AM	S-263

This bill amends the campaign finance laws by:

1. Extending the time period within which the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices must meet during the 28 days before an election upon the filing of a complaint. The bill provides that the commission shall meet within two business days, rather than the current period of one calendar day, and allows the commission

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to defer hearing minor complaints until after the election;

2. Clarifying that the commission is authorized to investigate disclosure violations by all organizations required to file campaign finance reports with the commission, including party committees and ballot question committees;
3. Maintaining the requirement that a candidate seeking elective office in a town or city with a population of 15,000 or more, and a political action committee seeking to promote or oppose ballot questions in those municipalities, register and file campaign finance reports with the municipal clerk. The town or city must keep these reports for eight years;
4. Exempting from the definition of "contribution" and "expenditure" any purchase of apparel from a commercial vendor with a cost of \$25 or less when the vendor received a graphic or design from a candidate;
5. Defining the term "influence" in campaign finance disclosure requirements to mean promoting, supporting, opposing or defeating a candidate or ballot question, in order to better describe those activities that require campaign finance disclosure. The bill makes corresponding changes to the definition of "expenditure," "campaign" and other disclosure requirements throughout the campaign finance laws;
6. Extending the expenditure exception for news stories, commentaries and editorials to communications distributed through a cable television system or publicly accessible site on the Internet, except in cases where the facility distributing the story or editorial has been compensated by a political party or candidate;
7. Prohibiting a candidate who is seeking Maine Clean Election Act funding from serving as the treasurer of the candidate's political campaign, except during the 14 days after the candidate registers until the candidate identifies another person to serve as treasurer;
8. Extending the attribution and disclaimer requirements for advertisements distributed through cable television systems;
9. Exempting small electronic media advertisements from the attribution and disclaimer requirements when compliance would be impractical due to size or character limitations;
10. Increasing the penalty for violations of the attribution and disclaimer requirements to \$5,000 per violation, except that a penalty of \$200 applies to yard signs that are in violation;
11. Creating exceptions to the attribution and disclaimer requirements for handbills, campaign signs and Internet activities costing \$100 or less by individuals acting independently of and without authorization by candidates, political action committees and party committees;
12. Extending contribution limitations to donations raised by a candidate on behalf of a political action committee that is organized primarily to promote that candidate;
13. Exempting from the independent expenditure reporting requirement opinion polls conducted by telephone, telephone calls made to identify individuals; positions on candidates and voter guides consisting primarily of candidates; responses to surveys and questionnaires;
14. Increasing the civil penalties for the late filing of campaign finance reports by political action committees and party committees when more than \$50,000 in financial activity is reported late;
15. Clarifying that organizations that donate to a political action committee do not qualify as a political action committee merely by making a donation;

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16. Requiring a political action committee to identify candidates or campaigns that the committee intends to support or oppose at the time of registration;
17. Specifying that qualifying contributions received by a candidate seeking Maine Clean Election Act funding that are collected more than five business days before the candidate files the declaration of intent with the commission are not valid;
18. Clarifying that the executive director of the commission shall make the initial determination whether a candidate has met the qualifications to receive Maine Clean Election Act funding, and that candidates and interested persons may appeal the executive director's determination to the members of the commission, in accordance with current practice;
19. Requiring a candidate seeking Maine Clean Election Act funding to qualify as a candidate no later than five business days after the end of the period to qualify for public funding;
20. Permitting the commission to decline to pay Maine Clean Election Act funding to candidates who have submitted fraudulent qualifying contributions or acknowledgment forms;
21. Prohibiting a candidate from spending Maine Clean Election Act funds to purchase computers or telephones with enhanced computing or electronic mail capabilities;
22. Requiring a candidate who spends Maine Clean Election Act funds for advertising on cable television systems to include closed-captioning, except for advertisements aired in the final 4 days before an election if inclusion of the closed-captioning during that period is impractical or would materially affect the timing of the candidate's advertisement;
23. Requiring a legislative candidate who is not enrolled in a political party to qualify for Maine Clean Election Act funding by the same deadline as a legislative candidates who is enrolled in a political party; and
24. Requiring a Maine Clean Election Act candidate who pays more than \$500 in Maine Clean Election Act funds to a vendor who has provided campaign staff or consulting services to keep a record that was created contemporaneously with the provision of services.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-263)

This amendment strikes two provisions that amended the definition of "expenditure" to exclude expenses incurred in the production or distribution of a news story through various media as long as the media is not owned or controlled by a candidate or political action committee or owned or controlled by someone directly connected to the candidate or political action committee, and in their place authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to submit legislation to address issues in the laws governing disclosure of those expenditures in candidate campaigns and by political action committees. The amendment also makes two technical changes to correct references in current law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 389 amends the campaign finance laws by:

1. Extending the time period within which the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices must meet during the 28 days before an election upon the filing of a complaint. The bill provides that the commission shall meet within two business days, rather than the current period of one calendar day, and allows the commission to defer hearing minor complaints until after the election;
2. Clarifying that the commission is authorized to investigate disclosure violations by all organizations required to file campaign finance reports with the commission, including party committees and ballot question committees;

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3. Maintaining the requirement that a candidate seeking elective office in a town or city with a population of 15,000 or more, and a political action committee seeking to promote or oppose ballot questions in those municipalities, register and file campaign finance reports with the municipal clerk. The town or city must keep these reports for eight years;
4. Exempting from the definition of "contribution" and "expenditure" any purchase of apparel from a commercial vendor with a cost of \$25 or less when the vendor received a graphic or design from a candidate;
5. Defining the term "influence" in campaign finance disclosure requirements to mean promoting, supporting, opposing or defeating a candidate or ballot question, in order to better describe those activities that require campaign finance disclosure. The bill makes corresponding changes to the definition of "expenditure," "campaign" and other disclosure requirements throughout the campaign finance laws;
6. Authorizing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to submit legislation to address issues in the laws governing disclosure of expenditures in candidate campaigns and by political action committees for news stories, commentaries and editorials to communications distributed through a cable television system or publicly accessible site on the Internet, except in cases where the facility distributing the story or editorial has been compensated by a political party or candidate;
7. Prohibiting a candidate who is seeking Maine Clean Election Act funding from serving as the treasurer of the candidate's political campaign, except during the 14 days after the candidate registers until the candidate identifies another person to serve as treasurer;
8. Extending the attribution and disclaimer requirements for advertisements distributed through cable television systems;
9. Exempting small electronic media advertisements from the attribution and disclaimer requirements when compliance would be impractical due to size or character limitations;
10. Increasing the penalty for violations of the attribution and disclaimer requirements to \$5,000 per violation, except that a penalty of \$200 applies to yard signs that are in violation;
11. Creating exceptions to the attribution and disclaimer requirements for handbills, campaign signs and Internet activities costing \$100 or less by individuals acting independently of and without authorization by candidates, political action committees and party committees;
12. Extending contribution limitations to donations raised by a candidate on behalf of a political action committee that is organized primarily to promote that candidate;
13. Exempting from the independent expenditure reporting requirement opinion polls conducted by telephone, telephone calls made to identify individuals' positions on candidates and voter guides consisting primarily of candidates' responses to surveys and questionnaires;
14. Increasing the civil penalties for the late filing of campaign finance reports by political action committees and party committees when more than \$50,000 in financial activity is reported late;
15. Clarifying that organizations that donate to a political action committee do not qualify as a political action committee merely by making a donation;
16. Requiring a political action committee to identify candidates or campaigns that the committee intends to support or oppose at the time of registration;

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17. Specifying that qualifying contributions received by a candidate seeking Maine Clean Election Act funding that are collected more than five business days before the candidate files the declaration of intent with the commission are not valid;
18. Clarifying that the executive director of the commission shall make the initial determination whether a candidate has met the qualifications to receive Maine Clean Election Act funding, and that candidates and interested persons may appeal the executive director's determination to the members of the commission, in accordance with current practice;
19. Requiring a candidate seeking Maine Clean Election Act funding to qualify as a candidate no later than five business days after the end of the period to qualify for public funding;
20. Permitting the commission to decline to pay Maine Clean Election Act funding to candidates who have submitted fraudulent qualifying contributions or acknowledgment forms;
21. Prohibiting a candidate from spending Maine Clean Election Act funds to purchase computers or telephones with enhanced computing or electronic mail capabilities;
22. Requiring a candidate who spends Maine Clean Election Act funds for advertising on cable television systems to include closed-captioning, except for advertisements aired in the final 4 days before an election if inclusion of the closed-captioning during that period is impractical or would materially affect the timing of the candidate's advertisement;
23. Requiring a legislative candidate who is not enrolled in a political party to qualify for Maine Clean Election Act funding by the same deadline as a legislative candidates who is enrolled in a political party; and
24. Requiring a Maine Clean Election Act candidate who pays more than \$500 in Maine Clean Election Act funds to a vendor who has provided campaign staff or consulting services to keep a record that was created contemporaneously with the provision of services.

Chapter 389 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2011.

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LD 902	An Act To Require That Liquor Be Sold at a Profit	ONTP
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LD 907	An Act To Amend the Agency Liquor Store Laws	LEAVE TO WITHDRAW
LD 1140	An Act To Amend the Dual Liquor License Law	ONTP
LD 1141	An Act To Allow Direct Shipment of Beer and Wine by Retail Licensees	ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT
LD 1339	An Act To Amend the Process for Appeals of Liquor Licensing Decisions	ONTP

Beano and Games of Chance

Enacted

LD 535	An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to High-stakes Beano	PUBLIC 410
LD 974	An Act To Revise the Laws on Tournament Games	PUBLIC 325
LD 1427	An Act To Amend Seasonal Licenses for the Operation of Beano or Bingo Games	PUBLIC 339
LD 1474	An Act To Amend the Beano Laws	PUBLIC 301

Not Enacted

LD 1180	An Act To Transfer Responsibility for Oversight of Games of Chance to the Gambling Control Board	ONTP
LD 1403	An Act To Allow Eligible Nonprofit Organizations To Hold Two Card Games Per Month	ONTP

Campaign Finance and Maine Clean Election Act

Enacted

LD 231	Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Adopt Routine Technical Rules Governing the Maine Clean Election Act and Equipment Repurchase	RESOLVE 19
LD 726	Resolve, To Reduce Funding to Maine Clean Election Act Candidates	RESOLVE 89

LD 848	Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Study Modifying the Maine Clean Election Act	RESOLVE 103
LD 856	An Act To Change the Campaign Contribution Limits	PUBLIC 382
LD 989	An Act To Improve Transparency in Political Campaigns by Providing Quicker Access to Reports	PUBLIC 367
LD 1100	An Act To Increase Transparency in Funding of Campaign Advertisements	PUBLIC 360
LD 1541	An Act To Amend the Campaign Finance Laws	PUBLIC 389 EMERGENCY
<u>Not Enacted</u>		
LD 80	An Act Regarding Maine Clean Election Act Funds for a Candidate without a Primary Opponent	ONTP
LD 120	An Act To End Taxpayer-funded Campaigns for Gubernatorial Candidates	Carried Over
LD 196	An Act Regarding Unenrolled Candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act	ONTP
LD 659	An Act To Repeal the Maine Clean Election Laws	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 663	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Corporate Political Donations	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 798	An Act To Prohibit Nonresidents from Contributing to Maine Political Campaigns or Candidates	ONTP
LD 814	An Act Relating to Political Action Committees in Maine	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 820	An Act To Alter the Distribution of Maine Clean Election Act Funding	ONTP
LD 843	An Act To Modernize the Maine Clean Election Act by Allowing for Private Contributions	ONTP
LD 968	An Act To Require Participating Candidates Who Are Principal Officers of Political Action Committees To Give a Percentage of Funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund	ONTP
LD 1054	An Act To Revise the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Legislative Leadership Positions	ACCEPTED REPORT A (ONTP)
LD 1262	An Act To Increase Penalties for Certain Violations of the Campaign Reports and Financing Laws	Carried Over
LD 1277	An Act To Exempt Contributions for the Retirement of Old Campaign Debt from Contribution Limits	ONTP

LD 1355	An Act To Encourage Transparency in Certain Organizations Involved in Political Campaigns	ONTP
LD 1523	An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act	Carried Over
LD 1526	An Act Regarding Corporate and Other Entity Campaign Advertising Disclosure and Accountability	MINORITY (ONTP) REPORT

Campaign Practices

Enacted

LD 1254	Resolve, Directing the Executive Director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Review the Law Governing Push Polling	RESOLVE 87
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Claims Against the State

Not Enacted

LD 76	An Act To Reimburse Philip Wolley for Litigation Expenses Incurred in Connection with His Termination and Reinstatement as a State Employee	ONTP
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Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management

Enacted

LD 633	An Act To Update Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Laws	PUBLIC 112
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Not Enacted

LD 1305	An Act To Limit the Use of the National Guard to Situations Specifically Authorized by the United States Constitution	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
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Elections

Enacted

LD 142	An Act To Improve Party Status Requirements	PUBLIC 227
LD 277	An Act To Make Disputed Ballots in State Elections Public	PUBLIC 258
LD 285	An Act Regarding the Qualifications of Candidates for Office	PUBLIC 239
LD 1000	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine Centralization of the Petition Signature Verification Process	RESOLVE 75
LD 1134	An Act To Make Municipal Recounts Consistent with State Recounts	PUBLIC 255

LD 1478 **An Act To Fully Enfranchise Voters** **PUBLIC 409**

LD 1528 **An Act To Amend the Election Laws and Other Related Laws** **PUBLIC 342**

Not Enacted

LD 34 **An Act To Require Candidates for Public Office To Provide Proof of Citizenship** **ONTP**

LD 73 **An Act To Establish a Uniform Deadline for Persons Qualifying as Candidates** **ONTP**

LD 503 **Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine the Issue of a Run-off Election for Governor** **MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

LD 545 **An Act To Improve Ballot Access for Gubernatorial Candidates** **MINORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

LD 797 **An Act To Reform the Election Laws** **LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

LD 832 **An Act Regarding Write-in Candidates in Municipal and City Elections** **DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**

LD 1126 **An Act To Require That the Governor Be Elected by the Ranked-choice Voting Method** **MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

Not Enacted

LD 1245 **An Act To Modify the Responsibilities of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices** **ONTP**

Harness Racing and Off-track Betting

Enacted

LD 561 **An Act To Clarify Certain Provisions in the Harness Racing Laws** **PUBLIC 142 EMERGENCY**

LD 1155 **An Act To Allow Harness Racing Betting To Be Conducted at Class A Lounges** **PUBLIC 99**

Initiatives and Referenda

Not Enacted

LD 97 **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Certain Changes to a Direct Initiative of Legislation for a Period of Time after It Is Approved by the Voters** **MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

Landlord/Tenant Laws

Enacted

LD 657	An Act To Permit Disposal of Abandoned Manufactured Housing	PUBLIC 127 EMERGENCY
LD 1006	An Act To Provide a Remedy to Property Owners When a Tenant Defaults on a Lease	PUBLIC 122
LD 1048	An Act To Delay the Implementation of the Rental Housing Radon Testing Requirement	PUBLIC 157
LD 1067	An Act To Improve Awareness of Smoking Policies in Maine Rental Housing	PUBLIC 199

Not Enacted

LD 74	An Act To Impose Liability on a Landlord for Damages Caused by a Tenant's Pet	ONTP
LD 943	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Eviction of Residential Tenants	ONTP

Legislative Ethics

Not Enacted

LD 1150	An Act To Improve the Administration of the Legislative Ethics Laws	Carried Over
LD 1260	An Act To Improve Transparency in Maine Government	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

Lobbying and Lobbyists

Enacted

LD 1151	An Act Regarding Reporting Procedures of Lobbyists	PUBLIC 179
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Lottery

Enacted

LD 1513	An Act To Clarify the Maine State Lottery Agent Licensing Process	PUBLIC 310
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Slot Machines and Gambling

Enacted

LD 393	An Act To Implement the Recommendations Regarding the Legislative Review of the Allocation of Slot Machine Revenue	PUBLIC 358
LD 677	An Act Regarding the Determination of Distance for the Purposes of the Gambling Control Board Laws	PUBLIC 56

LD 1418	An Act To Allow Table Games at a Facility Licensed To Operate Slot Machines on January 1, 2011	PUBLIC 417
	<u>Not Enacted</u>	
LD 178	An Act Relating to Distribution of Revenues from Future Casinos	ONTP
LD 227	An Act Relating to the Establishment of Casinos	Carried Over
LD 643	An Act To Protect Public Safety in the Operation of Casinos	HELD BY GOVERNOR
LD 846	An Act To Assist Nonprofit Corporations Harmed by a Casino	NOT PROPERLY BEFORE BODY
LD 985	An Act Regarding Establishing a Slot Machine Facility	DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
LD 1203	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Deadline and Conditions for Municipal Approval of a Second Racino and To Allow a Tribal Racino in Washington County	ENACTMENT FAILED
LD 1344	An Act To Fund Commuter and Passenger Rail Transportation in Maine	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT
LD 1469	An Act To Permit Video Gaming for Money Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations	Carried Over
LD 1539	An Act To Improve Laws on Gaming	Carried Over
<i>Veterans</i>		
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LD 299	An Act Regarding the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery	PUBLIC 440
LD 723	An Act To End Homelessness for Veterans in Maine	PUBLIC 329
LD 1265	An Act To Allow the Unclaimed Remains of a Veteran To Have Proper Burial	PUBLIC 318
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LD 1037	An Act To Establish a Welcome Home Bonus for Veterans of the Campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan	ONTP
LD 1190	An Act To Support Maine Veterans Nonprofit Corporations	MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

Voting

Enacted

LD 179	An Act To Prohibit the Issuance of a Duplicate Absentee Ballot under Certain Circumstances	PUBLIC 40
LD 1376	An Act To Preserve the Integrity of the Voter Registration and Election Process	PUBLIC 399

Not Enacted

LD 199	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photograph Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Carried Over
LD 203	An Act To Assist Municipal Clerks by Providing Adequate Time To Register Voters	ONTP
LD 896	An Act To Adopt the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act	Carried Over

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