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LD 4 An Act To Amend the Licensing Requirements for Beano Halls Leased ONTP
by Veterans' Organizations

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY J DIAMOND B	ONTP	

This bill exempts a veterans' organization that is licensed to conduct beano or bingo games from the requirement to get a beano hall permit if that veterans' organization wishes to lease its facility as a beano hall to an organization licensed to conduct beano or bingo games.

LD 5 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide that the laws of the State governing wildlife management may not be amended by the citizen initiative process.

LD 30 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Special Amusement Permits for PUBLIC 13
Liquor Licensees

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B MAKER J	OTP-AM	H-11

Current law provides that dancing and some other forms of entertainment are prohibited on the premises of an establishment licensed to sell liquor for consumption on the premises unless the licensee has been issued a special amusement permit from the municipality where the establishment is located. This bill provides that dancing does not include dancing done in conjunction with the singing activity commonly known as "karaoke."

Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)

This amendment replaces the bill. Current law states that a person licensed to serve alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises must prohibit, with some limited exceptions, music, dancing and entertainment unless the licensee has received a special amusement permit from the municipality where the establishment is located. The amendment provides that a municipality may require a permit for music, dancing and entertainment based on what is permitted or prohibited by local ordinance or regulation. The amendment further specifies that when the liquor license is up for renewal a municipality may deny renewal if the establishment fails to obtain a required permit or fails to comply with the permit. The amendment removes certain requirements imposed upon the municipality governing the process for issuance of a permit for music, dancing or entertainment.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017 chapter 13 provides that a municipality may require a permit for music, dancing and entertainment based on what is permitted or prohibited by local ordinance or regulation. Chapter 13 further specifies that when the liquor license is up for renewal a municipality may deny renewal if the establishment fails to obtain a required permit or fails to comply with the permit. It also removes certain requirements imposed upon the municipality governing the process for issuance of a permit for music, dancing or entertainment.

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LD 31 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine CARRIED OVER
To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come
from Each Congressional District

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING E DIAMOND B		

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that the signatures on a petition to directly initiate legislation be of voters from each of the State's two congressional districts and that the number of signatures from each congressional district be not less than 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in that congressional district in the previous gubernatorial election. This resolution provides that, if the required votes are cast in favor of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, the proposed amendment becomes part of the Constitution on March 1, 2018 instead of on the date of the Governor's proclamation.

This Resolution was reported out of committee and then recommitted to the committee; it was then carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 53 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Died Between
To Prohibit Payment Per Signature for Citizen Petition Drives Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GUERIN S MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to prohibit a person who collects signatures for a written petition for a people's veto or for the direct initiative of legislation from being paid based upon the number of signatures the person collects.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-436)

This amendment, the majority report, replaces the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maine. The amendment instead amends the statutes governing ballot questions to prohibit the circulator of an initiative or referendum petition or a petition organization from receiving payment for the collection of signatures based on the number of signatures collected. The amendment clarifies that a salary or fee for the collection of signatures is not prohibited if it is not based on the number of signatures collected.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 78 An Act To Permit Unenrolled Voters To Cast Ballots in Primary Accepted Majority
Elections (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ACKLEY K KATZ R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows an unenrolled voter to vote in a primary election without having to enroll in a political party. An unenrolled voter may vote in only one party's primary election.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-155)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that the Secretary of State, rather than municipal clerks, is required to establish procedures for voters who are not enrolled in a party to vote in a primary election. The bill removes the requirement that a voter must be enrolled in a party to participate in a caucus or convention. This amendment provides that a voter must be enrolled in order to take part in a party's caucus or convention. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 85 An Act Regarding Public Service Berthing Vessels Licensed for the Sale of Liquor CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D KUMIEGA W	OTP-AM	S-11

This bill authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue licenses to public service berthing vessels for the sale of spirits, wine and malt liquor on overnight voyages of at least one night. The bill establishes requirements and fees for such licensing.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-11)

This amendment replaces the bill. Like the bill, the amendment provides for a definition of public service berthing vessel. Unlike the bill, the amendment does not establish a separate license for a public service berthing vessel but rather makes the vessel eligible for a Class V liquor license that permits the sale of spirits, wine and malt liquor to passengers of the vessel. It also provides that the license may be issued for a single event or voyage. Like the bill, the amendment requires that the vessel acquire municipal approval to sell liquor on board the vessel to passengers while the vessel is docked. The amendment also makes a provision for storage of liquor to be sold by the licensed vessel and requires that records be maintained for each event when the licensed vessel sells liquor to passengers.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 88 An Act To Delay the Implementation of Certain Portions of the Marijuana Legalization Act PUBLIC 1 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L THIBODEAU M	OTP-AM	H-1

This bill delays the effective date of most of the provisions of the Marijuana Legalization Act as enacted by citizen initiative to February 1, 2018. The delayed effective date does not apply to the provision in the initiated bill that repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2382, subsection 1, which makes possession of up to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana a civil violation, or the following provisions, which will be effective as of January 30, 2017:

1. A person 21 years of age or older may use, possess or transport up to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana;
2. A person 21 years of age or older may transfer, without remuneration, up to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana and up to six immature plants or seedlings to a person who is 21 years of age or older;

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3. A person 21 years of age or older may possess, grow, cultivate or transport up to six flowering marijuana plants, 12 immature plants and unlimited seedlings and possess all of the marijuana produced by the plants at the person's residence; and

4. A person 21 years of age or older may consume marijuana in a private residence.

The bill clarifies that possession of a useable amount of marijuana by a juvenile is a crime, unless that juvenile is authorized to possess marijuana for medical use. Finally, the bill prohibits the possession of any edible retail marijuana products until February 1, 2018.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1)

This amendment strikes the definition of "cannabis" from the Marijuana Legalization Act. It amends the definition of "marijuana" and adds a definition of "marijuana concentrate." The amendment adds a provision to the Marijuana Legalization Act that prohibits a person from possessing more than five grams of marijuana concentrate as part of the 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana that a person may already legally possess under the Act. This amendment strikes a provision in the bill that, prior to February 1, 2018, limited personal marijuana consumption to a private residence. The amendment provides that personal marijuana consumption by a person 21 years of age or older may occur only in a private residence or on private property with permission of the owner. It further provides that consumption may not occur in a motor vehicle or in a private residence that is used as a day care or baby-sitting service during the hours of operation.

For the purpose of adopting major substantive rules relating to the retail framework under the Marijuana Legalization Act, which are required to be submitted within nine months of the effective date of the Act, the amendment allows the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to delegate rule-making authority to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the Commissioner of Public Safety if the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry determines that the expertise and resources of those other departments would be beneficial in the development of the rules.

The amendment also provides that possession of marijuana is a civil violation for a person who is 18, 19 or 20 years of age. The penalty for possession of up to 1 1/4 ounces of marijuana is a fine no less than \$350 to no more than \$600. The penalty for possession of up to 2 1/2 ounces is a fine of no less than \$700 and no more than \$1,000. These penalties are the same as those that were in law for any nonjuvenile prior to being repealed by Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 5. Finally, the amendment provides that it is a juvenile crime under the Maine Juvenile Code for a person under 18 years of age to possess marijuana and makes a corresponding technical cross-reference change.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017 chapter 1 delays the effective date of several provisions of the Marijuana Legalization Act to February 1, 2018. The delayed date does not apply to the provision in the Act, which was passed as a direct initiative, which provides that possession of up to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana is a civil violation. The law changes the definition of "marijuana" and adds a definition of "marijuana concentrate." It adds a provision to the Marijuana Legalization Act that prohibits a person from possessing more than five grams of marijuana concentrate as part of the 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana that a person may already legally possess under the Act. Chapter 1 provides that personal marijuana consumption by a person 21 years of age or older may occur only in a private residence or on private property with permission of the owner. It further provides that consumption may not occur in a motor vehicle or in a private residence that is used as a day care or baby-sitting service during the hours of operation.

For the purpose of adopting major substantive rules relating to the retail framework under the Marijuana Legalization Act, which are required to be submitted within nine months of the effective date of the Act, this law

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allows the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to delegate rule-making authority to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the Commissioner of Public Safety if the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry determines that the expertise and resources of those other departments would be beneficial in the development of the rules.

Chapter 1 also provides that possession of marijuana is a civil violation for a person who is 18, 19 or 20 years of age. The penalty for possession of up to 1 1/4 ounces of marijuana is a fine no less than \$350 to no more than \$600. The penalty for possession of up to 2 1/2 ounces is a fine of no less than \$700 and no more than \$1,000. These penalties are the same as those that were in law for any nonjuvenile prior to being repealed by Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 5. Finally, this law provides that it is a crime under the Maine Juvenile Code for a person under 18 years of age to possess marijuana and makes a corresponding technical cross-reference change.

Public Law 2017, chapter 1 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 27, 2017.

LD 121 An Act To Require Photographic Identification to Vote

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARRIN B COLLINS R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires that a voter provide proof of identity with photographic identification for the purpose of voting. The bill specifies the types of photographic identification that may be used to verify the identity of a voter. It provides that a person who does not present photographic identification may cast a provisional ballot and establishes the process for provisional voting. Under this process, if the person can verify the person's identity to the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or warden or an election clerk within five business days of the election by presenting acceptable photographic identification, the ballot will be cast as a regular ballot. Through the general election of 2018, a person who does not present acceptable photographic identification but is known to a municipal clerk, registrar or election official at the voting place may cast a regular ballot upon submission of an affidavit by the municipal clerk, registrar or election official attesting to the person's identity. Finally, the bill requires the Secretary of State to provide, at no fee, nondriver identification cards to eligible persons who do not have another form of acceptable photographic identification to verify identity for the purpose of voting.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-51)

Under the bill, a person who does not have proper photographic identification required to cast a ballot on election day has five days to provide photographic proof of identity to the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, warden or election clerk. This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, reduces that time period to three days to reflect the number of days by which municipal election clerks must report election results to the Secretary of State. The amendment also adds a requirement that provisional ballots must be retained in tamper-proof containers separately from provisional ballot affidavits and the provisional ballot log. The amendment requires that rejected provisional ballots, provisional ballot logs and provisional ballot affidavits must be retained in the same manner as regular ballots and election materials. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble and an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 122 An Act To Allow Schools To Operate Nonprofit Bingo Events for Children and Families ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C CYRWAY S	ONTP	

This bill allows elementary and secondary schools to operate beano or bingo games for the entertainment of and recreation for the schools' students and the students' families if the games are not for profit. In lieu of this bill, the committee unanimously supported an amendment to the biennial budget which provided for the conduct of beano or bingo at schools under certain criteria.

LD 126 An Act To Establish New Monetary Caps for Legislative Candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill decreases by 1/3 the amount of the distribution from the Maine Clean Election Fund a participating candidate running for State Senator or State Representative may receive under the Maine Clean Election Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-303)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill reducing the amount of funding to the Maine Clean Election Fund.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 136 An Act Regarding the Eviction Process PUBLIC 103

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CYRWAY S BRADSTREET R	OTP-AM	S-98

This bill expands the causes for a seven-day notice of termination of tenancy to include: violence, a threat of violence or sexual assault against other tenants, their guests, the landlord or the landlord's employees or agents; an unauthorized occupation of the premises; and the provision of false information on the tenant's rental application.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-98)

This amendment clarifies that a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who has taken reasonable actions to comply with a landlord's request for the protection of tenants, guests or invitees or the landlord from violence or the threat of violence or sexual assault is not subject to eviction with a seven-day notice of termination. The amendment also removes the provision of the bill permitting seven-day notice of termination of tenancy if a tenant provides false information on the tenant's rental application.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 103 expands the causes for a seven-day notice of termination of tenancy. The law allows

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a landlord to terminate a tenancy upon seven days' written notice if the landlord can demonstrate that the tenant or the tenant's invitee or guest is the perpetrator of violence, a threat of violence or sexual assault against other tenants, their guests, the landlord or the landlord's employees or agents, except that a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who has taken reasonable actions to comply with a landlord's request for the protection of tenants, guests or invitees or the landlord from violence or the threat of violence or sexual assault is not subject to eviction with a seven-day notice of termination. The law also allows a landlord to terminate a tenancy upon seven days' written notice for an unauthorized occupation of the premises.

LD 155 An Act To Protect Voting Integrity by Establishing a Residency Verification Requirement for Purposes of Voting

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill requires the registrar of voters to verify residency when a voter registration application lists a residence address as a dormitory or domicile provided by, or located on the campus of, a postsecondary educational institution. The bill provides that certain requirements must be met to establish residency.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-92)

This amendment, which is the majority report, adds a mandate preamble and incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 156 An Act To Implement the National Popular Vote for President

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RYKERSON D	ONTP OTP	

This bill proposes to adopt the interstate compact that is the agreement among the states to elect the President of the United States by national popular vote. Under the compact and the bill, the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia will win the presidency. Under this bill, all of the State's electoral votes would be awarded to the presidential candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This bill would take effect only when enacted by states possessing a majority of the electoral votes, that is, enough electoral votes to elect a President, which is 270 of 538.

LD 212 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each State Senatorial District

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL L VOLK A	ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that the signatures on a petition to directly initiate legislation be of voters from each of the State's senate districts and that the number of signatures from each senate district be not less than 10% of the total votes for Governor cast in that senate district in the previous

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gubernatorial election. The resolution provides that, if the required votes are cast in favor of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, the proposed amendment becomes part of the Constitution on March 1, 2018 instead of on the date of the Governor's proclamation.

LD 213 An Act To Provide Funds for Access for Veterans Seeking Health Care Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDEN J LIBBY N	OTP-AM	H-10

This bill provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$45,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for passports to allow veterans to access United States Veterans Administration health care facilities located on military installations in New Hampshire.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)

This amendment directs the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management or the commissioner's designee to pay for the fee charged for a passport card issued by the United States Department of State for a veteran who demonstrates a need to access federal military installations located in New Hampshire for medical services provided by the United States Veterans Administration and does not have the required photographic identification required. Unlike the bill, which provides an appropriation to pay for the costs of passports, the amendment provides funding for passport cards. The amendment reduces the appropriation proposed in the bill from \$45,000 to \$15,000. Under the amendment, if any funds appropriated for passport cards remain unspent 90 days following the date upon which the State conforms with the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, that balance must be used to provide financial assistance to veterans and dependents of veterans as prescribed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 505.

LD 214 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification RESOLVE 27 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDEN J JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-187

This resolve creates the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification to study and address military service members' and veterans' transition from military service to the civilian workforce. The commission is also charged with making recommendations to streamline licensing and certification processes for service members and veterans.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-187)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolves 2017, chapter 27 creates the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification to study and address military service members' and veterans' transition from military service to the civilian workforce. The commission is also charged with making recommendations to streamline licensing and certification processes for service members and veterans.

Resolves 2017, chapter 27 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective August 2, 2017.

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LD 271 An Act for Providers across Multiple Sectors To Inquire of Clients and Customers about Former Military Service

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B CARSON B	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes that the Department of Health and Human Services conduct an effort similar to the effort conducted by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate public and private service providers in the areas of aging and senior services, children's services and school systems, employment and vocational services, faith-based groups and health care and medical services to inquire about former military service of clients and customers to identify veterans and direct them and their families to resources and benefits of which the veterans may not be aware or are reluctant to receive.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-406)

This amendment, the majority report, replaces the bill. It requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a program to support a community-based veteran service referral program. The program provides written and Internet-based materials and literature to state agencies, quasi-governmental agencies, local government service providers and private organizations, including a checklist of questions the service provider should ask an individual seeking assistance, including, "Have you or a member of your family ever served in the military?" The materials must also include a comprehensive list of services for which a veteran may be eligible.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 295 An Act To Amend the Requirements for a Political Party To Retain Qualified Party Status under the Election Laws

ONTP

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

This bill amends the requirements for a political party to retain qualified party status. It allows a party to retain that status if the party's nominee for President of the United States or Governor received at least 5% of the total vote cast in the State for President or Governor in the last general election. This provision applies to any party whose nominee for President appeared on the ballot at the general election on November 8, 2016.

LD 296 An Act To Restrict Advertising of and Improve Fairness for State Lottery Games

ONTP

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

This bill requires prizes for state lotteries to have an annual aggregate payback of 90% of gross revenues or greater. The bill also states that rules adopted by the State Liquor and Lottery Commission must prohibit marketing, advertising and promotion of state lotteries except at locations where lottery tickets are sold. Finally, the bill

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requires the commission to adopt rules governing payback percentages and advertising no later than December 1, 2017.

LD 297 An Act To Improve the Administration of Election Recounts

PUBLIC 141

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L CARPENTER M	OTP-AM	H-156

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to amend current law to authorize the Secretary of State to administer recounts in an efficient and effective manner, to increase the number of voter signatures required for a statewide recount, to lower the threshold for a free statewide recount and to authorize the Secretary of State to develop by rule processes for multicounty and statewide recounts.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-156)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment makes several changes to the laws governing candidate and referendum recounts.

1. The amendment provides that when a recount is requested for a statewide office, congressional office, statewide referendum or county office that encompasses more than one county, the Secretary of State may direct the State Police to retrieve ballots from certain jurisdictions so that the recount may be conducted in stages.
2. The amendment provides for a new deposit and payment structure for recounts for statewide offices, congressional offices or county offices that encompass more than one county, such as District Attorney, so that a deposit is not required when the difference between the leading candidate and the requesting candidate is 1% or less of the total votes cast for that office or not more than 1,000 votes, whichever is less.
3. The amendment provides that for recounts for a statewide office, congressional office or county office that encompasses more than one county when the percentage difference exceeds the threshold for a no-deposit recount, the requesting candidate must pay a deposit of \$5,000 or 10% of the estimated cost of the first stage of the recount, whichever is greater. If the recount does not change the result of the election, the candidate must pay the actual costs to the State of conducting the recount. If the recount reverses the election, the requesting candidate receives a complete refund.
4. The amendment adopts a new deposit and payment structure for recounts of a statewide referendum that is the same as the one provided for statewide candidate recounts.
5. The amendment provides that if recounts are requested for more than one office or referendum question that are on the same ballot for one or more jurisdictions, the Secretary of State may determine a process for counting the ballots for both of the offices or questions simultaneously.
6. Finally, the amendment removes the provision in current law allowing an undeclared write-in candidate to request a recount.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 141 makes several changes to the laws governing candidate and referendum recounts.

1. It provides that when a recount is requested for a statewide office, congressional office, statewide referendum or county office that encompasses more than one county, the Secretary of State may direct the State Police to retrieve

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ballots from certain jurisdictions so that the recount may be conducted in stages.

- 2. It provides for a new deposit and payment structure for recounts for statewide offices, congressional offices or county offices that encompass more than one county, such as District Attorney, so that a deposit is not required when the difference between the leading candidate and the requesting candidate is 1% or less of the total votes cast for that office or not more than 1,000 votes, whichever is less.
- 3. Chapter 141 provides that for recounts for a statewide office, congressional office or county office that encompasses more than one county when the percentage difference exceeds the threshold for a no-deposit recount, the requesting candidate must pay a deposit of \$5,000 or 10% of the estimated cost of the first stage of the recount, whichever is greater. If the recount does not change the result of the election, the candidate must pay the actual costs to the State of conducting the recount. If the recount reverses the election, the requesting candidate receives a complete refund.
- 4. The law adopts a new deposit and payment structure for recounts of a statewide referendum that is the same as the one provided for statewide candidate recounts.
- 5. It provides that if recounts are requested for more than one office or referendum question that are on the same ballot for one or more jurisdictions, the Secretary of State may determine a process for counting the ballots for both of the offices or questions simultaneously.
- 6. Finally, chapter 141 removes the provision in current law allowing an undeclared write-in candidate to request a recount.

LD 298 An Act To Limit Agency Expenditures To Influence Elections

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

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

This bill prohibits state agencies from expending public resources to influence the outcome of a direct initiative of legislation, a people's veto referendum or other statewide referendum except to provide an impartial factual summary regarding what is at issue. It also extends the law governing the involvement of executive branch employees in elections to include direct initiatives of legislation, people's veto referenda and other statewide referenda.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-141)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the provisions of the bill that prohibit political subdivisions in the State from expending public resources to influence the outcome of a direct initiative of legislation, a people's veto referendum or other statewide referendum. The amendment clarifies that resources spent by an agency on a factual summary of the issues may not be used to express support or opposition for the ballot measure.

This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 299 An Act To Increase Voter Knowledge of Bond Issues

PUBLIC 45

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SUTTON P KATZ R	OTP-AM	H-27

Current law provides that the statement of the Treasurer of State setting forth the total amount of bonds of the State outstanding and unpaid, the total amount of bonds of the State authorized and unissued and the total amount of bonds of the State contemplated to be issued if the enactment submitted to the electors is ratified be printed on the ballot containing the proposed bond issue or printed as a separate document and posted outside the guardrail enclosure at each voting place. This bill amends that law to require that that information be printed on the ballot and printed as a separate document and posted outside the guardrail enclosure at each voting place.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-27)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires that each voting booth in a polling place include a copy of the Treasurer of State's statement of bond debt when there is a bond issue on a statewide ballot.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 45 requires that each voting booth in a polling place include a copy of the Treasurer of State's statement of bond debt when there is a bond issue on a statewide ballot.

**LD 300 An Act To Preserve Funding for the Maine Clean Election Act by
Removing Gubernatorial Candidates from Eligibility**

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SUTTON P BRAKEY E	ONTP OTP-AM	

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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)

This amendment, the minority report, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 304 An Act To Authorize Auxiliary Liquor Licenses at Disc Golf Courses

**PUBLIC 17
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G WOOD S	OTP-AM	S-10

This bill authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue auxiliary licenses for additional premises located at disc golf courses.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)

This amendment makes a disc golf course eligible for the same liquor licenses as a golf course. The amendment

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adds to the bill a definition of disc golf course and makes necessary references to a disc golf course to reflect the eligibility of a disc golf course for liquor licenses for which it may have an auxiliary license or mobile service bar license. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 17 authorizes the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to issue auxiliary on-premises liquor licenses to disc golf courses. The law makes a disc golf course eligible for the same liquor licenses as a golf course. Chapter 17 establishes a definition of disc golf course and makes necessary references to a disc golf course to reflect the eligibility of a disc golf course for liquor licenses for which it may have an auxiliary license or mobile service bar license.

Public Law 2017, chapter 17 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 12, 2017.

LD 339 **An Act To Reduce Restrictions on Wine Shipments** **ONTP**

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

This bill allows the direct shipment of wine in bottles that are smaller than 750 milliliters to customers in the State.

LD 388 **An Act Regarding the Sale of Alcohol by a Manufacturer with an On-premises Retail License** **PUBLIC 34**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM ONTP	S-25

This bill clarifies existing law that permits a person that is licensed to manufacture malt liquor, wine or spirits at a facility in the State to sell the product that person produces from the manufacturing facility for off-premises consumption without having to get a separate off-premises retail license. The bill specifies that the location of the manufacturing facility where off-premises sales of the manufacturer's product occur is not required to be accessed by a separate entrance from the area of the facility that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. It also clarifies that distilleries and small distilleries are subject to the existing law that requires spirits sold at retail to first be listed for sale and distributed by the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-25)

This amendment makes a technical change to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 34 clarifies existing law that permits a person that is licensed to manufacture malt liquor, wine or spirits at a facility in the State to sell the product that person produces from the manufacturing facility for off-premises consumption without having to get a separate off-premises retail license. It specifies that the location of the manufacturing facility where off-premises sales of the manufacturer's product occur is not required to be accessed by a separate entrance from the area of the facility that is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. Chapter 34 also clarifies that distilleries and small distilleries are subject to the existing law that requires spirits sold at retail to first be listed for sale and distributed by the State.

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LD 394 An Act Regarding Terminology in Campaign Finance Law **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This bill changes references to the Maine Clean Election Act and the Maine Clean Election Fund to the Maine Campaign Public Financing Act and the Maine Campaign Public Financing Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-79)

The bill changes references to the Maine Clean Election Act and the Maine Clean Election Fund to the Maine Campaign Public Financing Act and the Maine Campaign Public Financing Fund. This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes references to the Maine Clean Election Act and the Maine Clean Election Fund to the Maine Taxpayer-funded Campaign Act and the Maine Taxpayer-funded Campaign Fund.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 403 An Act Regarding Referendum Recounts **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT M DESCHAMBAULT S	ONTP	

This bill requires the Secretary of State to conduct a recount paid for by the State for a referendum if the percentage difference between the yes and no votes as shown by the official tabulation of the referendum votes is 0.25% or less. It allows a group of voters to request a recount for a referendum in which the percentage difference between the yes and no votes as shown in the official tabulation of the referendum votes is greater than 0.25%. The party requesting a recount for a referendum in which the percentage difference between the yes and no votes as shown by the official tabulation is greater than 0.25% must pay for the recount.

LD 407 An Act To Simplify the Laws Regarding Games of Chance **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R HANINGTON S	ONTP	

This bill specifies, for the purposes of the laws governing games of chance, that games of chance are those games in which the outcome is solely determined by chance, outside the control of the contestant or participant.

LD 408 An Act To Prohibit Taxpayer-funded Campaign Expenditures from Being Used on Post-election Parties **PUBLIC 31**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R FARRIN B	OTP-AM ONTP	S-20

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This bill prohibits funds distributed to candidates from the Maine Clean Election Fund from being used for post-election parties.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-20)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, clarifies that a Maine Clean Election Act candidate may use personal funds for a post-election party in accordance with rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 31 clarifies that a Maine Clean Election Act candidate may use personal funds for a post-election party in accordance with rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

LD 413 An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions Accepted Report A (ONTP)

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J DILLINGHAM K	ONTP OTP-AM OTP-AM	

Current law prohibits the Governor, members of the Legislature, constitutional officers and the staff or agents of the Governor, members of the Legislature and constitutional officers from soliciting or accepting contributions from a lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer while the Legislature is convened in session. This bill extends application of that prohibition year-round, regardless of whether the Legislature is in session.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-78)

This amendment replaces the bill and is a minority report of the committee. Like the bill, the amendment prohibits a member of the Legislature, the Governor or any constitutional officer from soliciting or accepting a contribution from a lobbyist or an employer. The amendment provides that candidates for the Legislature or Governor are also subject to this year-round contribution prohibition. The amendment also provides that party committees may solicit or accept contributions when the Legislature is not in session as long as a member of the Legislature, the Governor or a constitutional officer is not the treasurer, an officer or primary decision maker or fund-raiser for the party committee.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-77)

This amendment replaces the bill and is a minority report of the committee. Like the bill, the amendment prohibits a member of the Legislature, the Governor or any constitutional officer from soliciting or accepting a contribution from a lobbyist, a lobbyist associate or an employer. The amendment provides that candidates for the Legislature or Governor are also subject to this year-round contribution prohibition. The amendment clarifies that with regard to a political action committee, party committee or ballot question committee, the prohibition applies to contributions solicited, accepted or given only when the Legislature is in session.

LD 415 An Act To Modify the Amount of Product Samples of Malt Liquor, Wine or Spirits That May Be Provided to Retail Licensees PUBLIC 35

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G LUCHINI L	OTP	

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Current law allows a brewery, winery or wholesaler to provide to a retail licensee samples of products, limited to nine gallons of malt liquor and nine liters of wine annually. This bill increases the annual limit to 18 gallons of malt liquor and 18 liters of wine.

Current law allows a licensed sales representative for a distilled spirits manufacturer or supplier to give to a retail licensee a maximum of three liters per year per distiller represented by the sales representative. This bill increases the annual limit to six liters per distiller.

Enacted Law Summary

Current law allows a brewery, winery or wholesaler to provide to a retail licensee samples of products, limited to nine gallons of malt liquor and nine liters of wine annually. Public Law 2017, chapter 35 increases the annual limit to 18 gallons of malt liquor and 18 liters of wine.

Current law allows a licensed sales representative for a distilled spirits manufacturer or supplier to give to a retail licensee a maximum of three liters per year per distiller represented by the sales representative. Public Law 2017, chapter 35 increases the annual limit to six liters per distiller.

LD 438 An Act To Provide a Travel Reimbursement to Members of the Maine National Guard ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEWART H CARPENTER M	ONTP	

This bill allows a member of the Maine National Guard to obtain reimbursement for travel to and from authorized training exercises at the same rate paid to state employees who use their private vehicles for travel for state business.

LD 439 An Act To Allow Voters To Choose Ongoing Absentee Voter Status ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FECTEAU R BELLOWS S	ONTP	

This bill provides a process for a voter to request ongoing absentee voter status, which allows the voter to automatically receive an absentee ballot for each statewide election until the status is terminated.

LD 440 An Act To Expand Absentee Balloting To Include Certain Residents in Independent Living Facilities ONTP

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

This bill requires municipal clerks to conduct absentee voting in independent living facilities at the request of the management company managing the facility. The balloting must be conducted in the presence of an election official.

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LD 446 An Act To Allow Campgrounds To Operate Beano or Bingo

**PUBLIC 47
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	S-21

This bill amends current law concerning the licensing of beano and bingo games in resort hotels. The bill adds campgrounds to the licensing provisions, removes the restriction on the number of seasonal licenses that may be issued and changes the license fee from \$10 to up to \$100.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-21)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that a campground may conduct beano without a license if games are conducted only for campground patrons and their guests, prizes do not exceed \$25 per game and proceeds from the games are used only for prizes and to cover the actual costs of conducting the game. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 47 provides that a campground may conduct beano without a license if games are conducted only for campground patrons and their guests, prizes do not exceed \$25 per game and proceeds from the games are used only for prizes and to cover the actual costs of conducting the game.

Public Law 2017, chapter 47 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 7, 2017.

LD 459 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

**RESOLVE 13
EMERGENCY**

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)

This amendment provides that the provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices may be finally authorized if the rule is changed to strike provisions in the rule that state that, when a candidate authorizes other individuals to collect qualifying contributions, the candidate is responsible for ensuring that those individuals have received proper training in the procedures for collecting qualifying contributions and the candidate must exercise due diligence to ensure that contributions collected by others comply with the requirements of the Maine Clean Election Act.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 13 provides that the provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices may be finally authorized if the rule is changed to strike provisions in the rule that state that, when a candidate authorizes other individuals to collect qualifying contributions, the candidate is responsible for ensuring that those individuals have received proper training in the procedures for collecting qualifying contributions and the candidate must exercise due diligence to ensure that contributions

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collected by others comply with the requirements of the Maine Clean Election Act.

Resolve 2017, chapter 13 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 7, 2017.

LD 465 An Act To Assist Veterans in Their Applications for Service-related Benefits **Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N GOLDEN J	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to provide all veterans in the State the opportunity to have their claims represented by the bureau acting under a power of attorney when filing for service-related benefits to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans' service organizations and other organizations dedicated to serving veterans.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-168)

This amendment, the minority report, provides that the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services is required to represent all veterans in filing their initial claims for service-related benefits to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The bill applies this requirement to all claims for service-related benefits and includes claims made to other veterans' service organizations.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 496 An Act To Update Maine's Veterans' Benefits Eligibility Requirements **ONTP**

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

This bill expands eligibility for admission to Maine Veterans' Homes to residents of Maine who served at least 180 days in the Maine National Guard during a federally recognized war period.

LD 510 An Act To Create Fairness in Gaming License Fees for Small Nonprofit Organizations **ONTP**

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

This bill reduces by 75% the annual fee for a license to conduct games of chance and games of cards, including tournament games, for organizations with net revenues from those activities of less than \$10,000 for the prior year.

LD 543 An Act Regarding Political Action Committee Expenditures **PUBLIC 98**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	H-93

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This bill prohibits a political action committee from compensating a Legislator or member of the Legislator's immediate family or household or a business owned or operated by the Legislator for services provided to the committee if the Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer of the committee or is one of the individuals primarily responsible for raising contributions or making decisions for the committee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-93)

The bill prohibits a political action committee for which a Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer from compensating a Legislator's family member or household member for services provided to the committee. This amendment removes that prohibition.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 98 prohibits a political action committee from compensating a Legislator or a business owned or operated by the Legislator for services provided to the committee if the Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer of the committee or is one of the individuals primarily responsible for raising contributions or making decisions for the committee.

LD 544 An Act To Expand Wine and Beer Tastings at Retail Establishments ONTP

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

Current law allows a person licensed for retail sale of wine or malt liquor for off-premises consumption to conduct taste tastings on the licensee's premises if the licensee stocks at least 125 different labels of wine or 100 different labels of malt liquor. This bill removes the minimum stock requirements.

LD 564 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Increase the Number of Signatures Required for a Direct Initiative of Legislation

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that the number of signatures on a direct initiative petition be at least 15% of the total vote for President cast in the State in the last presidential election. The Constitution of Maine currently requires this number to be at least 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election.

LD 568 An Act To Require Candidates To Be Listed as Unenrolled If Not Died Between
Registered with a Recognized Party Houses

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

This bill requires that the political designation for an unenrolled candidate who is nominated by petition be "unenrolled" and disallows the term "independent" for an unenrolled candidate. This bill also prohibits a candidate

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who intends to form a new party to be placed on the ballot by petition, but requires the candidate to follow the procedures in the election laws for forming new parties.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-188)

This amendment is the minority report, it replaces the bill and changes the title to reflect the content of the amendment.

This amendment provides that the party or political designation of a candidate of an unqualified party is limited to one word and may not include additional numbers or symbols. Presidential and vice-presidential candidate designations remain subject to the current law, which provides that such a party or political designation must be no longer than three words.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 579 An Act Regarding Transfers of Liquor between Licensed Manufacturers' Facilities

PUBLIC 123

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-137

This bill permits a manufacturer who manufactures liquor at multiple licensed locations to transport the manufacturer's own product between those locations, as is allowed under federal law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-137)

This amendment, the majority report, replaces the bill. The amendment provides that a manufacturer of liquor who operates multiple facilities licensed for the manufacture of liquor may transfer liquor the manufacturer produces from one facility to another. It also clarifies that a manufacturer may transfer liquor the manufacturer produces from the licensed manufacturing facility to any establishment operated by the manufacturer that is licensed for on-premises consumption, where samples are served and where sales are permitted for consumption off of the premises.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-138)

This amendment replaces the bill and is the minority report of the committee. The amendment provides that manufacturers of liquor who operate multiple facilities licensed for the manufacture of liquor may transfer liquor they produce from one facility to another. It also clarifies that a manufacturer may transfer liquor the manufacturer produces from the licensed manufacturing facility to any establishment operated by the manufacturer that is licensed for on-premises consumption where samples are served and where sales are permitted for consumption off of the premises. This amendment differs from the majority report in that it does not include language regarding clarification of majority ownership of a manufacturing facility as it applies to the transfer of liquor authorized by the amendment.

This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 123 provides that a manufacturer of liquor who operates multiple facilities licensed for the manufacture of liquor may transfer liquor the manufacturer produces from one facility to another. It also clarifies that a manufacturer may transfer liquor the manufacturer produces from the licensed manufacturing facility to any establishment operated by the manufacturer that is licensed for on-premises consumption, where samples are served and where sales are permitted for consumption off of the premises.

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LD 585 An Act To Allow Cash Qualifying Contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D SHEATS B	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill amends the definition of "qualifying contribution" under the Maine Clean Election Act to include \$5 cash contributions in addition to those made by check or money order or via the Internet. Current law defines a qualifying contribution as a contribution in the amount of \$5 or more. This bill limits the contribution to \$5. The bill also provides a process to ensure that qualifying contributions made in cash are valid contributions. A contributor must attest, using a form designed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, that a qualifying contribution was made using the contributor's personal funds and the contributor received nothing in return for the contribution. Finally, the bill provides that a candidate may submit a check to the Maine Clean Election Fund equal to the amount of qualifying contributions made in cash along with the receipt and acknowledgment forms required to be submitted to be certified as a participating candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-140)

This amendment, the minority report; establishes an alternative method for collecting and submitting qualifying cash contributions collected by a participating candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act. The bill provides that a cash qualifying contribution is valid if the contributor signed a receipt and acknowledgment form. The amendment instead allows for qualifying contributions to be submitted in the manner prescribed in current law, which requires use of a money order, and adds that a cashier's check may also be used. Under the alternative method, the contributor signs a form, separate from the receipt and acknowledgment form required under current law. The amendment provides that the cash contributions may not be deposited into the candidate's campaign account.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 657 An Act To Reduce the In-stock Spirits Requirements for Liquor Agents in Towns with Certain Populations

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHITTEMORE R LAWRENCE M	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to amend the provisions in law requiring a certain amount of in-stock spirits for agency liquor stores by allowing agency liquor stores in smaller municipalities or municipalities with seasonal populations to carry less in-stock spirits than currently required.

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LD 713 Resolve, Authorizing Legislation To Streamline the Laws Governing the ONTP
Licensing and Conduct of Beano and Games of Chance

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M DIAMOND B	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to meet to develop proposals to streamline the laws governing beano and games of chance with the purpose of simplifying licensure, maximizing revenue to licensed charitable organizations and easing the administrative and enforcement burdens of the Chief of the State Police. The resolve requires the chief to provide certain information regarding licensing, revenues and costs of administration to the committee.

LD 714 An Act To Create an Award Program for Maine's Veteran-friendly ONTP
Workplaces

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M CARSON B	ONTP	

This bill creates a veteran-friendly workplace award program through which the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services recognizes employers that employ veterans and that support those veterans by making accommodations to allow the veterans to access or attend medical treatments and appointments and other veteran-related services during the work day.

LD 715 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Amend the Citizen Initiative Process

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that a direct initiative petition contain signatures of at least 15% of the registered voters in each county. The Constitution of Maine currently requires a petition to contain a number of signatures equal to at least 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election.

This resolution requires the Secretary of State to hold at least one public debate on the measure proposed in the petition in each senatorial district at which the full text of the measure and any amended form, substitute or recommendation of the Legislature must be read aloud in its entirety.

LD 716 An Act To Improve Requirements for Reporting to the Commission on Died Between
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY W COLLINS R	ONTP OTP	

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This bill amends the laws governing expenditures made for political communications advocating the election or defeat of a candidate or the election or defeat of a ballot measure. The bill requires communications made by mail to be posted for delivery within 14 days of the expenditure being made. The bill also requires that a copy of the communication be sent to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices in the same manner and form and at the same time as it is sent to those persons the communication is intended to influence.

LD 719 An Act To Allow Slot Machines or a Casino in York County

INDEF PP

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill which was submitted to the Legislature pursuant to citizen's initiative, allows slot machines or a casino in York County. It authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to accept an application for a license to operate slot machines or a casino from an entity that owned in 2003 at least 51% of an entity licensed to operate a commercial track in Penobscot County that conducted harness horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering on more than 25 days in 2002 if certain criteria are met.

The operation of the slot machines or casino must be approved by the voters or the municipal officers of the municipality in which the slot machines or casino will be located. The slot machines must be located and operated in a slot machine facility or the slot machines and table games must be located and operated in a casino.

Current law provides that a casino operator license or slot machine operator license may not be issued to operate any casino or slot machine facility within 100 miles of a licensed casino or slot machine facility. This initiated bill exempts a slot machine operator or a casino operator licensed under the provisions of this initiated bill from the 100-mile restriction.

This initiated bill raises the limit on the number of slot machines allowed to be registered in the State from 3,000 to 4,500. The operation of the slot machines or casino is subject to regulation by the Gambling Control Board. The applicant for a slot machine operator license or casino operator license must pay the \$5,000,000 license fee, which applies when in the absence of a competitive bid process, as set out in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 1018, subsection 1-A.

The slot machine or casino operator must 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 slot machine or casino operator must collect and distribute 39% of the net slot machine income to the Gambling Control Board for distribution by the board as follows:

1. One percent must be deposited to the General Fund for administrative expenses of the board except for a certain amount that must be transferred annually to the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund;
2. Ten percent must be credited to a fund to supplement harness racing purses;
3. Three percent must be credited to the Sire Stakes Fund;
4. Three percent must be credited to the Agricultural Fair Support Fund;
5. Ten percent must be credited to the Department of Education to be used to supplement and not to supplant funding for essential programs and services for kindergarten to grade 12;
6. Two percent must be forwarded to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund and to the Board of

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Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy to be applied by the board of trustees to fund its scholarship program;

7. One percent must be forwarded to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System to be applied by the board of trustees to fund its scholarship program;

8. Two percent must be credited to the Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks;

9. Three percent must be forwarded to the Treasurer of State, who must distribute that money at the municipal level throughout the State to be used to reduce property taxes;

10. One percent must be distributed to the tribal governments of the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe;

11. One percent must be forwarded to the Treasurer of State, who must use the money to fund drug education initiatives throughout the State;

12. One percent must be distributed to supplement programs at the office of aging and disability services within the Department of Health and Human Services; and

13. One percent must be forwarded to the municipality in which the slot machines are located.

The casino operator must collect and distribute 16% of the net table game income to the Gambling Control Board for distribution by the board as follows:

1. Nine percent must be credited to the Department of Education to be used to supplement and not to supplant funding for essential programs and services for kindergarten to grade 12;

2. Three percent must be deposited to the Gambling Control Board administrative expenses Other Special Revenue Funds account;

3. Two percent must be forwarded to the municipality in which the table games are located; and

4. Two percent must be deposited into the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund.

This direct initiative will be placed on the ballot for approval by the voters at an election to be held on November 7, 2017.

**LD 791 An Act Regarding Advertisements by Maine Clean Election Act
Candidates**

**Died Between
Houses**

Sponsor(s)

MALABY R

Committee Report

ONTP
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

This bill requires a campaign communication authorized by a candidate who is a certified candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act to state that the communication was paid for with Maine taxpayer funds.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)

This amendment, the minority report, makes a clarifying change to the bill by stating that when an expenditure for political communications is made by a Maine Clean Election Act candidate, it is the expenditure that triggers the additional disclosure.

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This amendment was not adopted.

LD 792 An Act To Authorize Funding for Transitional Housing for Women Veterans and Their Families

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B CARPENTER M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-58

This bill provides a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope to provide suitable housing for women veterans in transition and their families.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-58)

This amendment, the majority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over, to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 793 An Act To Limit Campaign Independent Expenditures

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILLINGHAM K HAMPER J	ONTP	

This bill limits independent expenditures for candidates for Governor, State Senator and State Representative.

LD 794 An Act Regarding the Taxation of Flavored Malt Beverages

PUBLIC 301

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GUERIN S BELLOWS S	OTP-AM	H-472

This bill clarifies under the liquor laws that "spirits" does not include a food flavoring or similar product used for cooking that has a high alcohol content and that a "low-alcohol spirits product" does not include malt liquor or malt liquor flavored with a food flavoring or similar product used for cooking that has a high alcohol content to prevent the malt liquor from being taxed as a low-alcohol spirits product.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-472)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies the definition of "low-alcohol spirits product" and the definition of "spirits" to exclude additives and flavorings, such as extracts and concentrates, that may contain alcohol but are not intended to be consumed alone but serve as a flavor enhancement to food products or beverages. This amendment also specifies that the changes made by this legislation are not intended to affect the taxation of such products prior to July 1, 2019.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2017, chapter 301 clarifies the definition of "low-alcohol spirits product" and the definition of "spirits" to exclude additives and flavorings, such as extracts and concentrates, that may contain alcohol but are not intended to be consumed alone but serve as a flavor enhancement to food products or beverages. This law also specifies that the changes made by this legislation are not intended to affect the taxation of such products prior to July 1, 2019.

LD 795 An Act To Improve Voter Access to Information Regarding Referendum Questions on the Ballot PUBLIC 246

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J	OTP-AM	H-404

This bill requires the full text of a direct initiative to be printed on the ballot.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-404)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires the election clerk to post a conspicuous notice in the voting place indicating that the citizen's guide to the referendum election is available for voters to read and that it provides helpful information regarding the referendum questions on the ballot.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 246 amends the laws governing the conduct of elections by requiring the election clerk to post a conspicuous notice in the voting place indicating that the citizen's guide to the referendum election is available for voters to read and that it provides helpful information regarding the referendum questions on the ballot.

LD 796 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Referendum Questions for Statewide Ballots ONTP

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require the total number of signatures required for a direct initiative of legislation to be not less than 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in each county in the last gubernatorial election. It also requires each of the signatures from a county to be that of a person registered to vote in that county.

LD 813 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Political Party Representation of Election Clerks Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK G DENNO D	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill requires election clerks in a municipality to be selected so that 33% of clerks are from one major party and 33% from another, with 34% of clerks being selected without regard to party enrollment.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-139)

This amendment, the majority report, strikes and replaces the bill, which requires election clerks in a

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municipality to be selected so that 33% of clerks were from one major party, 33% from another major party and 34% selected without regard to party enrollment. This amendment amends the process for selection of election clerks and clarifies other provisions regarding election clerks.

Specifically, the amendment retains the provision in current law allowing parties to nominate election clerks but also allows the municipal clerk or any registered voter to make nominations. Like current law, the amendment directs timely consideration of nominations but does not require municipal officers to appoint the election clerks from among nominees but allows them to appoint any qualified voter. Under the amendment, the minimum requirement is two election clerks at each voting place, one each from the two major parties. Similar to the bill, the amendment requires that at least half of the election clerks working at any election are affiliated with the major parties, and the rest of the election clerks may be affiliated with a minor party or be unenrolled.

The amendment also provides that if the municipal officers do not appoint a sufficient number of election clerks representing the major parties or an insufficient number of appointees are available to serve from the list provided by municipal officers, the municipal clerk may appoint additional election clerks without regard to party enrollment status.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 819 *Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Adequacy of Housing Safety Laws* ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N GOLDEN J	ONTP	

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Adequacy of Housing Safety Laws. The commission is charged with studying the housing safety laws, including landlord and tenant relations and rights, the eviction process, bank foreclosure actions on abandoned property and rental housing fire safety issues, and making recommendations for any necessary changes. The commission is required to submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by December 6, 2017.

LD 833 *An Act To Streamline the Gaming Permit Process for Veterans' Organizations* ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to reduce the processing and paperwork associated with games of chance sponsored by American Legion Posts. Under current law and rules, in order for an American Legion Post to hold a bingo game, it is necessary to obtain up to three separate permits. Under this bill, the application for permits would be consolidated into one application, and the processing would be streamlined.

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LD 852 An Act To Make Changes to the Maine Liquor Liability Act

PUBLIC 77

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MONAGHAN K	OTP-AM	H-80

This bill amends the Maine Liquor Liability Act to provide that the inability of a plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency constitutes good cause as to why the plaintiff could not reasonably file notice to all defendants within the 180-day limit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)

This amendment clarifies that "good cause" is not limited to the inability of the plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 77 amends the Maine Liquor Liability Act to provide that the inability of a plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency constitutes good cause as to why the plaintiff could not reasonably file notice to all defendants within the 180-day limit. It specifically states that "good cause" is not limited to the inability of the plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency.

LD 853 An Act To Allow Beano at Campgrounds

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L COLLINS R	ONTP	

This bill provides an exception to the law that requires a license to conduct games of beano. The bill states that certain campgrounds are not required to get a license to operate beano games if the games are offered to campground patrons and their guests only and the value of a prize awarded for winning a game does not exceed \$25.

LD 879 An Act To Allow Any Person To Purchase Voter Registration Lists

ONTP

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

This bill allows any person to purchase voter registration information. Current law allows only candidates, office holders, political action committees and other similarly situated persons to purchase such information.

**LD 883 An Act To Establish a Minimum Payment for Signatures Gathered by
Maine Citizens for Referendums**

ONTP

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

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This bill provides that if a person is paid to circulate a petition for a direct initiative or a people's veto referendum and solicit signatures, that person must be paid at least \$25 per signature.

LD 906 An Act Regarding the Collection of Signatures for a Direct Initiative ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J KATZ R	ONTP	

This bill requires a person circulating a petition for a direct initiative of legislation to give a voter that voter's own printed paper copy of the full text of the direct initiative and the fiscal impact statement and provide the voter the opportunity to read the full text of the direct initiative prior to that voter signing the petition. Current law also requires a person circulating a petition for a direct initiative of legislation to provide the voter the opportunity to read the proposed direct initiative summary and fiscal impact statement.

**LD 937 An Act To Require the Fiscal Impact of a Direct Initiative of Legislation
To Be Included on the Ballot ONTP**

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

This bill provides that a ballot for a statewide vote on a direct initiative must include the fiscal impact estimate prepared by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review for that direct initiative.

**LD 948 Resolve, To Direct the Adjutant General To Procure Medals for Maine
National Guard Members Mobilized for the 1958-1961 Berlin Crisis ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAILEY D CUSHING A	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Adjutant General to procure an adequate number of National Emergency Service Medals for Maine National Guard members' service during the 1958-1961 Berlin crisis and award the medals in a ceremony to former members entitled to the medal and, if a former member entitled to receive the medal is deceased, award a medal to that member posthumously and present the medal to the next of kin or another family member. The medals, while authorized in 1962, were never awarded.

**LD 950 Resolve, To Study Using Blockchain Technology in Conjunction with
Paper Ballots in Maine Elections ONTP**

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

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study Using Blockchain Technology in Conjunction with Paper Ballots in Maine Elections.

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**LD 957 Resolve, To Direct Legislative Staff To Recodify and Revise Title 28-A of
the Maine Revised Statutes**

RESOLVE 18

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	S-192

This resolve requires the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to convene a study group consisting of representatives of appropriate state agencies and stakeholders, including alcoholic beverage producers, distributors and retailers and representatives of entities that enforce the laws governing alcoholic beverages, to review and propose revisions to the laws governing alcoholic beverages to eliminate outdated laws, respond to industry concerns and support the State's emerging craft beer, wine and liquor industry.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-192)

This amendment strikes and replaces the resolve and changes the title. It directs the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, nonpartisan staff to the Legislature, to prepare a recodification and revision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A. The proposed recodification and revision must be completed by January 15, 2019, and submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over liquor matters for introduction to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 18 directs the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, nonpartisan staff to the Legislature, to prepare a recodification and revision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A. The proposed recodification and revision must be completed by January 15, 2019, and submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over liquor matters for introduction to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**LD 961 An Act To Improve the Cost-efficiency of Funds Disbursed under the
Maine Clean Election Act**

ONTP

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

This bill allows a candidate who receives funds under the Maine Clean Election Act to use a political party's nonprofit postage meter for campaign mailings.

LD 975 An Act Regarding Licensing of Cribbage Tournaments

ONTP

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

This bill provides that a license to conduct games of chance is not required for a cribbage tournament operated on the premises of a restaurant or Class A restaurant licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption or at a manufacturing facility where samples are provided or sold, commonly known as a tasting room. The operator must limit participation to patrons of the establishment who are 21 years of age or older. The operator of a

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game may not profit and all entry fees must be paid to players in the form of winnings or donated to a charitable organization. Entry fees may not exceed \$25 per person.

A similar proposal was enacted as part of the biennial budget, Public Law 2017, chapter 284 (LD390).

LD 976 An Act Regarding Primary Election Contribution Limits and Contribution Limits for Unenrolled Candidates

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

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

This bill is presented in response to the United States District Court decision in Woodhouse, et al. v. Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, et al., United States District Court, District of Maine, Docket No. 1:14-CV-266-DBH.

The bill provides that contributions received by a candidate for a primary election must be segregated from those received for the general election. The bill allows a candidate who is unopposed in a primary election to use in the general election primary election contributions received prior to the deadline by which primary candidates must submit petitions to take part in a primary election. Contributions carried forward from the primary election to the general election are subject to the dollar limits that apply to contributions made to a candidate by a single donor. The bill permits a candidate who defeats a primary opponent to carry forward to the general election unspent contributions received for the primary election. Regardless of whether the candidate was opposed in a primary election, if the sum of a primary election contribution and a general election contribution from the same donor exceeds contribution limits, the candidate must return at least the excess amount to the donor.

The bill specifies that contributions received for the purpose of supporting a candidate in a primary election may not be used primarily to support the candidate's general election campaign.

The bill repeals the limit of \$25,000 per calendar year on an individual's aggregate contributions to all political candidates.

Finally, the bill also makes technical, cross-reference changes.

LD 979 An Act Regarding Early Voting in Person

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T BREEN C	ONTP	

This bill allows for municipalities to conduct early voting in person during the same period as absentee voting. Early voting takes place in the municipal offices with the same requirements and restrictions for polling places, voting booths, ballot boxes and ballot challenges as for regular voting. At the end of early voting, the municipal clerk delivers the sealed ballot boxes to the polling place as presently required by law.

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LD 980 An Act To Improve Absentee Balloting ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T MILLETT R	ONTP	

This bill requires that the list of requests for absentee ballots that a clerk is required to create and maintain include, in the case of a request that is rejected, the reasons for the rejection.

LD 995 An Act To Allow a Resident Veteran's Child Who Is Enrolled in an ONTP
Out-of-state College or University To Take a Course in Maine at a State
Postsecondary Education Institution for Free

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill provides that a person who is enrolled as a student at a postsecondary education institution outside this State and who is the child of a veteran who is a resident of this State may take one course at a state postsecondary education institution in this State with no charge for tuition.

LD 1012 An Act To Improve the Availability of Agency Liquor Stores in ONTP
Underserved Areas and To Expand the Sale of Spirits in New Channels

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

This bill creates an exception to the limit on the number of agency liquor stores allowed by population threshold to allow the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to license an agency liquor store in a municipality without an agency liquor store as long as an agency liquor store is not located within 3.5 miles of the municipality. With regard to such a store, it allows the bureau to adopt rules regarding hours, seasons of operation and inventory. It also allows the bureau to license stores in municipalities along interstate highways and at major airports in the State and requires the bureau to enter into contracts for the management of those stores.

LD 1013 An Act To Clarify the Law Allowing Certificate of Approval Holders PUBLIC 153
and Manufacturers or Suppliers of Spirits To Offer Mail-in Rebates

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-265

This bill clarifies that a manufacturer or supplier of spirits or a certificate of approval holder may offer mail-in rebates approved by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations that offer an incrementally greater discount for an increased volume of purchased spirits.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)

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This amendment, the majority report, replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies that mail-in rebates may offer an incrementally greater discount on the purchase of liquor based upon increased volume of purchased product.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 153 clarifies that mail-in rebates offered to consumers on the purchase of spirits, beer, wine and low alcohol spirits products may offer an incrementally greater discount on the purchase of liquor based upon increased volume of purchased product.

LD 1033 An Act To Eliminate the 24-hour Reporting Requirement under the Election Laws Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G LUCHINI L	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill removes the requirement for political candidates, party committees and political action committees to report to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices within 24 hours of receiving certain contributions or making certain expenditures after the 14th day before an election.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-213)

This amendment, the minority report, replaces the bill, which eliminates the requirement that political action committees, state party committees, local party committees and candidates file 24-hour reports for certain contributions and expenditures. The amendment eliminates the 24-hour reporting requirement for expenditures of \$1,000 or more made by candidates.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1035 An Act To Require an Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court on Direct Initiatives of Legislation ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill requires the Legislature to request an opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court for a direct initiative of legislation that will be submitted to the voters. It also requires that this opinion be printed on the ballot containing the direct initiative of legislation.

LD 1046 An Act To Require Maine Clean Election Act Candidates To Purchase Services from Maine-based Companies ONTP

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

This bill provides that services purchased by a candidate with funds from the Maine Clean Election Fund must be purchased from a business with an office in this State unless no such business is available to provide the services.

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LD 1077 An Act To Reduce the License Fee for High-stakes Beano

PUBLIC 233

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DANA M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-366

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to accept an application from the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate 50 slot machines at a gaming facility in Washington County at which high-stakes beano is conducted by the Passamaquoddy Tribe. The bill raises the limit on the number of slot machines allowed in the State by 50 to accommodate the slot machines that may be operated by the Passamaquoddy Tribe. Slot machines operated by the Passamaquoddy Tribe would be subject to the oversight of the Gambling Control Board and subject to the same laws and rules as other slot machines operated in this State.

It also reduces the annual license fee for high-stakes beano from \$50,000 to \$25,000 and allows the Passamaquoddy Tribe to operate 50 slot machines in the tribe's high-stakes beano facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-366)

This amendment, which is the majority report, changes the title of the bill and strikes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill and all of the provisions that authorize the operation of slot machines at a facility where high-stakes beano is conducted by the Passamaquoddy Tribe. The amendment retains the provision that reduces the license fee for high-stakes beano, except that the amendment reduces the annual fee to \$5,000. The amendment also provides that fees collected from any one federally recognized Indian tribe in the State for the operation of high-stakes beano may not exceed \$5,000 in calendar year 2017.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 233 reduces the annual license fee for high-stakes beano from \$50,000 to \$5,000. It also provides that fees collected from any one federally recognized Indian tribe in the State for the operation of high-stakes beano may not exceed \$5,000 in calendar year 2017.

LD 1086 An Act To Amend the Laws on the Conduct of Elections and To Establish a Nonpartisan Primary Election System for State and Federal Candidates

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RYKERSON D GRATWICK G	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill amends the election laws to create a nonpartisan primary process for the election of Legislators, United States Senators, Representatives to Congress and other state and county officers.

The bill also amends the laws on the conduct of elections by requiring that a sample ballot be provided with an absentee ballot and that a sample ballot be posted in or near each voting booth on election day. It also removes the requirement that a voter must file an application to change party enrollment prior to January 1st to be eligible to file a petition as a candidate in that election year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-527)

This amendment, which is the minority report, adds provisions to the bill that specify that primaries are held for the

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purpose of selecting two candidates to be placed on the general election ballot for the offices of United States Senator, Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator and Representative to the Legislature. Primary candidates placed on the general election ballot for an office are the two candidates who received the highest number of votes. The bill provides that voters may participate in a primary election for these offices regardless of party enrollment. The amendment adds provisions inadvertently omitted from the bill that are consistent with the proposal to establish a nonpartisan primary election for state and federal offices. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1102 An Act To Discourage Tenants from Damaging Rental Property ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WADSWORTH N CUSHING A	ONTP	

This bill creates the Class E crime of unlawful damage by a tenant if at the termination of a tenancy a rental unit has sustained over \$1,000 worth of damage over the amount of the security deposit and the tenant does not pay the landlord within 60 days' notice by the landlord of the damage. A 2nd or subsequent offense is a Class D crime.

LD 1103 An Act To Require Correction of False Information Distributed in a Campaign ONTP

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

This bill requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, upon complaint made by a candidate for Governor, State Senate or State House of Representatives, to investigate an allegation that a person distributed factually incorrect information about that candidate. If the commission determines that a person distributed factually incorrect information about a candidate, the commission must impose a fine of \$10,000 on that person and that person must distribute a correction of the factually incorrect information in the same manner as the factually incorrect information was distributed.

LD 1107 An Act To Allow Municipalities To Adjust Times of Operation for Establishments That Serve Alcohol Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY W DION M	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill allows a municipality to extend the time for the sale or delivery of liquor by licensed establishments by one hour, by either opening earlier than 5 a.m. or closing later than 1 a.m., within that municipality. This bill also allows a municipality to extend by one hour, to 2:15 a.m., the permitted consumption or possession of liquor in licensed establishments. In order to extend the time of operation, consumption or possession, the legislative body of that municipality must vote to extend by one hour the sale or consumption or possession of liquor at establishments licensed for on-premises consumption within the municipality; the municipality must have a full-time police department or contract with the county sheriff or State Police to provide coverage during the extended hour of operation; and the municipality must notify the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of

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Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations of the extended hour within 30 days of adoption.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-266)

This amendment, which is the majority report, makes technical changes to the bill to clarify that an on-premises licensee may sell liquor until 2 a.m. if the municipality in which the licensee is located approves liquor sales until 2 a.m.

**LD 1122 An Act To Amend the Campaign Reports and Finances Law and the
Maine Clean Election Act**

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-367

The bill amends the laws governing the financing of political campaigns and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices by:

1. Clarifying that the definition of "election" covers both candidate and ballot question elections;
2. Requiring the commission to submit an annual statistical report of campaign finance activity to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal affairs;
3. Amending the requirement for state party committees to provide names, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of the chair and treasurer for municipal, district and county party committees to the commission;
4. Eliminating the requirement for unopposed primary election candidates to report contributions and expenditures of \$1,000 or more within 24 hours during the last 13 days before the primary election;
5. Requiring candidates to disclose the addresses of payees and creditors in their campaign finance reports;
6. Permitting candidates to spend surplus campaign contributions on expenses associated with a recount of an election;
7. Clarifying the reporting deadlines for state party committees, political action committees and ballot question committees. Under the bill, quarterly campaign finance reports are due every year; committees must file preelection and post-election reports on the 11th day before and the 42nd day after an election for both the primary and general elections during a candidate election year; and for elections held in other years, committees must file the preelection and post-election reports only if they received contributions or made expenditures for the purpose of influencing the election;
8. Clarifying that municipal, district and county party committees are not required to report large contributions and expenditures within 24 hours during the last 13 days before a primary election;
9. Increasing the potential penalty for an individual's failure to register as a candidate with the commission from \$10 to \$100;
10. Defining "caucus political action committee" to mean a committee designated by a party leader in the Legislature to promote the election of the nominees of their political party to the House or Senate;
11. Eliminating the requirement for candidates to report money order fees paid by the candidate with personal funds when seeking Maine Clean Election Act funding; and

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12. Prohibiting candidates and others from signing the name of a contributor on a receipt and acknowledgment form submitted to the commission, except when a contributor's immediate family member, domestic partner or live-in caregiver signs on behalf of the contributor due to a physical impairment or disability.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-367)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes the provisions in the bill that define "caucus political action committee" and the provision that requires each appointed legislative leader of a political party in the House of Representatives and the Senate to designate one caucus political action committee to promote the election of nominees to be the party's appointed leader. The amendment also strikes the provision in the bill that directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to submit an annual statistical report of campaign finance activity.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-368)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee. The amendment adds a provision to the bill that provides that, for the purposes of a recount, donations made to candidates who are not enrolled in a political party are not subject to contribution limits.

LD 1125 An Act To Establish a Recall Procedure for Elected Officials ONTP

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

This bill establishes a recall procedure for federal, state and local elected officials and specifies grounds for such a recall.

LD 1174 An Act To Clarify the Use of Public Money for Bulk Mailing in the Election Process Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING A GUERIN S	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill requires a treasurer or deputy treasurer of a Maine Clean Election Act candidate, or a political action committee engaging in bulk mailing in connection to the campaign of a participating or certified candidate, to document all bulk mail by submitting a copy of United States Postal Service form 3602 for standard mail and form 3600 for first-class mail to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-214)

Like the bill, this amendment, which is the majority report, requires reporting of expenditures used for bulk mail. Unlike the bill, which only applied to campaigns with a candidate certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate, this amendment requires documentation of the use of bulk mail by all candidates and political action committees to be included in campaign finance reports.

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LD 1201 An Act To Authorize Tribal Gaming

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINGS B JACKSON T		

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to accept applications for a casino operator license from federally recognized Indian tribes in the State. A license issued to a federally recognized Indian tribe would authorize operation of table games and up to an aggregate total of 1,500 slot machines at multiple facilities on land owned by the tribe. The bill provides that casinos operated by federally recognized Indian tribes are exempt from the requirement that a newly licensed casino may not be within 100 miles of an existing casino or slot machine facility. It also provides that the Gambling Control Board may not license a new casino, slot machine facility or other gambling facility or authorize expansion of existing casinos until all federally recognized Indian tribes have been licensed to operate a casino. The bill establishes a distribution rate of 25% of net slot machine income and 16% of net table game income for casinos operated by federally recognized Indian tribes. The slot machine income and table game income is deposited to the General Fund.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1204 An Act Regarding Absentee Voting by Residents of Nursing Homes and Other Residential Care Facilities

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J	OTP-AM	H-494

This bill amends the law governing the issuance of absentee ballots to a voter who is a resident of a nursing home, a residential care facility or an assisted housing program. The bill prohibits a municipal clerk from issuing an absentee ballot to an immediate family member or a third person for a voter who has granted another person power of attorney and who is receiving medical care due to dementia unless the clerk acquires the consent of the person who has been granted power of attorney. The bill also prohibits a municipal clerk, when facilitating absentee voting at a nursing home, a residential care facility or an assisted housing program, from issuing an absentee ballot to a voter who has granted power of attorney to another person and who is receiving medical care due to dementia unless the clerk acquires the consent of the person who has been granted power of attorney.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-494)

This amendment replaces the bill, which proposes to prohibit the issuance of absentee ballots at nursing and residential care facilities to certain residents who have granted another person power of attorney in the absence of consent of that person who has been granted power of attorney. The amendment instead requires that the municipal clerk post notice of the date and time when absentee voting will be conducted at a licensed facility and requires the licensed facility to notify the contact person or persons, if any, for each resident at the facility that absentee voting will be conducted.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

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LD 1208 An Act To Amend the Veterans Service Laws

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	H-140

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing veterans' services.

1. It changes the name of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.
2. It removes the authority of the bureau to provide grants of temporary and emergency cash assistance to veterans. It authorizes the bureau to accept money to provide financial assistance to veterans and to award grants to organizations that provide assistance to veterans such as housing or emergency assistance.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-140)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. The bill repeals current law governing how the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services issues temporary financial assistance to veterans in financial crises and in its place authorizes the bureau to provide grants to private organizations for the purpose of providing financial assistance to veterans. The amendment strikes that provision and establishes an account within the bureau for the purpose of issuing temporary emergency financial assistance to veterans and provides for a transfer of \$375,000 from the administrative account of the bureau to the Other Special Revenue Funds account established by the amendment. The amendment adds a revision clause to change the name of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services throughout the Maine Revised Statutes.

LD 1210 An Act Regarding the Maine Clean Election Fund

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM ONTP	H-185

This bill is submitted by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

This bill increases the transfer from the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 with \$3,000,000 to be transferred on or before January 1, 2018 and \$3,000,000 to be transferred on or before May 30, 2018. It decreases by \$1,300,000, from \$3,000,000 to \$1,700,000, the transfer from the General Fund to the Maine Clean Election Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

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LD 1211 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Legislative Political Action Committees

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill prohibits a legislative candidate from establishing political action committees for which the candidate is a treasurer or principal officer or for which the candidate is primarily responsible for fund-raising or decision making. The bill also makes a change to a provision under the Maine Clean Election Act, which includes the same prohibition, to clarify that the prohibition in that Act applies only to participating gubernatorial candidates and certified gubernatorial candidates.

LD 1231 Resolve, To Assess the Need for Mental Health Care Services for Veterans in Maine and To Establish a Pilot Program To Provide Case Management Services to Veterans for Mental Health Care

**RESOLVE 24
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDEN J LIBBY N	OTP-AM ONTP	H-407 H-553 GOLDEN J

This bill directs the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to station at each of the bureau's field offices a social worker to provide direct mental health care to veterans, to coordinate mental health care for veterans and to work with the Federal Government and state and local mental health service providers to provide mental health care to veterans. It also requires the director to administer a program to provide grants to providers of mental health services to veterans and appropriates ongoing funds of \$1,000,000 annually for the program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-407)

This amendment, which is the majority report, replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment establishes a program for the collection of data by hospitals regarding the number of veterans presenting to the hospitals' emergency departments for mental or behavioral health care. The data must be analyzed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, to quantify the unmet need for mental health care services, particularly inpatient treatment, among veterans in the State and to identify gaps in mental health care services administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The amendment also establishes a two-year pilot program to provide contracted case management services to veterans in need of mental health care services. The amendment provides funding to mitigate the costs to hospitals for collecting and reporting data and to pay for the contracted case management services program.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-553)

This amendment expands the provisions in Committee Amendment "A" that establish a pilot program to provide mental health case management services to veterans. It also establishes the Veterans Mental Health Case Management and Services Fund and changes the source of funding. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause and an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolves 2017, chapter 24 establishes a program for the collection of data by hospitals regarding the number of

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veterans presenting to the hospitals' emergency departments for mental or behavioral health care. The data must be analyzed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, to quantify the unmet need for mental health care services, particularly inpatient treatment, among veterans in the State and to identify gaps in mental health care services administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This law also establishes a two-year pilot program to provide contracted case management services to veterans and those serving in the Maine Army National Guard, the Maine Air National Guard and Reserves of the United States Armed Forces in need of mental health care services. Chapter 24 establishes the Veterans Mental Health Case Management and Services Fund and provides funding to mitigate the costs to hospitals for collecting and reporting data and to pay for the contracted case management services program.

Resolves 2017, chapter 24 was finally passed as emergency measure effective August 2, 2017.

**LD 1232 An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Automatically Register
Nonregistered Persons Who Are Qualified To Vote through Records of
the Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

**Died Between
Houses**

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

This bill establishes a method of automatically registering eligible individuals to vote. The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, when receiving any documentation from an individual doing business with the bureau, including applying for or renewing a driver's license or nondriver identification card, is required to scan and electronically store the documentation provided by the applicant. If the documentation provides proof of eligibility to vote, including citizenship, age and residency, that individual is added to the central voter registration system and relevant information is transmitted to election officials unless the individual, at the time of the collection of the documentation, chooses not to be registered to vote.

An application or document used to collect information that may be used to register an individual must contain a notice that the individual's information may be used to register that individual to vote, meaning that the information would be available by persons other than the State or election officials. An election official must provide the same notice to an individual upon receipt of the registration record from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and also must inform the individual of the ability to choose not to be registered to vote and to pick a party affiliation. If the individual fails to respond within 21 days, the individual is considered a registered voter.

The Secretary of State and the Governor are allowed to designate other state agencies and departments and public and private entities, such as colleges and municipal clerk offices, as so-called source agencies that are allowed to submit registration information to the bureau for inclusion in the central voter registration system, but only if those agencies, as part of their normal course of business, collect information that provides proof of eligibility to vote. Beginning in 2022, an entity that is designated under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 as a voter-registration agency that collects information that provides proof of voter eligibility is designated a source agency. A source agency is required to comply with the same restrictions regarding sharing and use of documentation as the bureau. Information from a source agency may also be used to update an individual's voter registration.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-267)

This amendment, which is the majority report, replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Secretary of State to study the implementation of automatic voter registration. The Secretary of State is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by March 1, 2018.

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LD 1253 An Act To Make Maine's Casinos More Competitive by Authorizing Extensions of Credit

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

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

This bill allows a casino operator to extend credit to qualified customers within certain limitations.

LD 1254 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Super Cribbage Tournaments

**PUBLIC 182
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WARD K	OTP-AM	H-262

This bill amends the law regarding super cribbage tournaments to remove the provision repealing the law on September 30, 2017.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-262)

This amendment reduces the number of players required to conduct a super cribbage tournament from 50 to 30 and increases the number of tournaments permitted per year from 3 to 15.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 182 amends the law regarding super cribbage tournaments to remove a provision which would have repealed the law on September 30, 2017. It also reduces the number of players required to conduct a super cribbage tournament from 50 to 30 and increases the number of tournaments permitted per year from 3 to 15.

Public Law 2017, chapter 182 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 13, 2017.

LD 1255 An Act Authorizing an Instant Lottery Game with Proceeds To Benefit Early Childhood Education

ONTP

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

This bill directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to develop an early childhood education lottery game. Proceeds from the lottery game will be used to fund the Early Childhood Education Fund, which is established for the purpose of providing grant funding for public preschool programs.

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LD 1256 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Implement Ranked-choice Voting ONTP

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

This resolve establishes the Task Force To Implement Ranked-choice Voting. The task force is charged with making recommendations for rules and changes to the law to implement ranked-choice voting. The task force is required to submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by December 6, 2017. The Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs may report out legislation concerning the report to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

LD 1271 An Act Regarding the Certification Process for Direct Initiatives and People's Veto Referenda ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY J DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill amends the laws regarding the notarization or certification of a petition for a people's veto referendum or a direct initiative of legislation by:

1. Requiring a petition organization when registering as a petition organization to list all notaries public and other persons authorized by law to administer oaths or affirmations who notarize or certify petitions for the petition organization;
2. Requiring a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths or affirmations to acquire a special seal and unique identifying number from the Secretary of State to notarize or certify a petition;
3. Prohibiting a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths or affirmations who notarizes or certifies petitions for a petition organization from being paid by the hour or being employed in any other capacity by the petition organization;
4. Allowing the Secretary of State to disqualify a petition for being notarized or certified in violation of the notary requirements established by this bill and for a hearing and appeal process by a petition organization or a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths or affirmations whose petition has been disqualified by the Secretary of State;
5. Making a violation of the notary requirements established by this bill a Class E crime; and
6. Requiring the Secretary of State to establish a publicly accessible website providing information for the public about reporting fraud or other violations of the petition process.

LD 1278 An Act To Amend the Military Bureau Laws and Veterans Service Laws PUBLIC 108

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARRIN B	OTP-AM	H-263

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This bill allows the Adjutant General to provide to or accept military forces from other states in support of federally funded National Guard missions. It provides the Adjutant General the authority to appoint a provost marshal to oversee security at National Guard military facilities and certain real property. It allows the Military Bureau to rent its readiness centers and other real property in addition to armories and allows the Adjutant General to waive fees for certain rentals. It changes the description of a stepchild who is eligible to receive certain educational benefits. It prohibits a veteran service officer from knowingly presenting or prosecuting a fraudulent or frivolous claim.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-263)

This amendment corrects a cross-reference in the bill and makes nonsubstantive changes to the section of the bill regarding the provision of security at National Guard military facilities and real property of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 108 allows the Adjutant General to provide to or accept military forces from other states in support of federally funded National Guard missions. It provides the Adjutant General the authority to appoint a provost marshal to oversee security at National Guard military facilities and certain real property. It allows the Military Bureau to rent its readiness centers and other real property in addition to armories and allows the Adjutant General to waive fees for certain rentals. Chapter 108 changes the description of a stepchild who is eligible to receive certain educational benefits. Finally, it prohibits a veteran service officer from knowingly presenting or prosecuting a fraudulent or frivolous claim.

LD 1284 An Act To Require Election Transparency and Audits

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELLOWS S HICKMAN C	ONTP	

This bill requires the Secretary of State to:

1. Publish a guide to election procedures for public distribution and revise the guide annually to reflect current law, rules and procedures regarding elections;
2. Provide local election procedure and ballot reconciliation forms for local election officials to complete;
3. Develop an election complaint process;
4. Routinely monitor the central voter registration system;
5. Report to the Legislature on certain election issues within 12 months of a general election; and
6. Develop a pilot program for conducting a post-election audit.

LD 1293 An Act To Allow Wine Tastings at Farmers' Markets

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D AUSTIN B	ONTP	

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This bill allows wine taste testings at farmers' markets.

LD 1320 An Act To Regulate Fantasy Sports Contests

PUBLIC 303

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R TIMBERLAKE J	OTP-AM ONTP	S-314

This bill requires persons who operate fantasy contests to register annually with the Department of Public Safety and pay a registration fee based on the gross revenues generated by that fantasy contest operator during the 12 months prior to registration or renewal. "Fantasy contest" is defined as a simulated game or contest in which one or more players pay an entry fee and compete for and win prizes of value based on outcomes that reflect the relative knowledge and skill of the players and that are determined predominantly by accumulated statistical results of the performance of individuals, including athletes in the case of sporting events.

This bill regulates the operators of fantasy contests, including by prohibiting the fantasy contest operator, an employee of the operator or a relative of the employee in the same household from participating in the contests; requiring the outcome to be based on more than just a score or point spread of a single game or contest; allowing an individual, on that individual's request to the operator, to be barred from playing in the contest; requiring the operator to provide notice of the prizes prior to the contest; and requiring the operator to establish a separate reserve account for the payment of prizes.

Finally, the bill exempts fantasy contests from the laws prohibiting games of chance and gambling.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-314)

This amendment, the majority report, replaces the bill and changes the title. Like the bill, the amendment sets up a structure to regulate the conduct of fantasy contests in the State.

The bill requires fantasy contest operators to register with the Department of Public Safety and sets a registration fee of 10% of the fantasy contest operator's annual gross fantasy contest revenues not to exceed \$5,000. The amendment requires the director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety to oversee and administer the licensing and enforcement of the conduct of fantasy contests in the State. The amendment establishes an annual license fee of \$2,500 for contest operators that receive \$100,000 or more in gross fantasy contest revenue per year and authorizes the director of the Gambling Control Unit to set an application fee to cover the costs of administering the application process and conducting necessary background investigations. Fantasy contest operators that receive less than \$100,000 in gross fantasy contest revenues are not required to pay the license fee but are subject to the application fee. The amendment establishes licensing criteria and conditions of licensure for the operators of fantasy contests and requires the director to adopt rules.

The amendment requires a distribution of 10% of gross fantasy contest revenues of fantasy contest operators that receive revenues of \$100,000 or more annually. Finally, the amendment provides that the laws governing unlawful gambling and games of chance do not apply to fantasy contest operators that comply with the laws governing fantasy contests.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 303 establishes a structure to regulate the conduct of fantasy contests in the State.

It requires fantasy contest operators to register with the Department of Public Safety and sets a registration fee of 10% of the fantasy contest operator's annual gross fantasy contest revenues not to exceed \$5,000. The law requires

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the director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety to oversee and administer the licensing and enforcement of the conduct of fantasy contests in the State. It also establishes an annual license fee of \$2,500 for contest operators that receive \$100,000 or more in gross fantasy contest revenue per year and authorizes the director of the Gambling Control Unit to set an application fee to cover the costs of administering the application process and conducting necessary background investigations. Fantasy contest operators that receive less than \$100,000 in gross fantasy contest revenues are not required to pay the license fee but are subject to the application fee. The law establishes licensing criteria and conditions of licensure for the operators of fantasy contests and requires the director to adopt rules.

Chapter 303 requires a distribution of 10% of gross fantasy contest revenues of fantasy contest operators that receive revenues of \$100,000 or more annually. Finally, it provides that the laws governing unlawful gambling and games of chance do not apply to fantasy contest operators that comply with the laws governing fantasy contests.

LD 1323 An Act To Amend the Direct Initiative Signature Gathering Process

PUBLIC 277

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	H-405

This bill authorizes the Secretary of State to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the commission of a notary public who has allowed another person to use that notary public's commission. It also authorizes the Secretary of State to invalidate a petition for a direct initiative or people's veto if the Secretary of State is unable to verify the notarization of that petition. The bill directs the Secretary of State to establish an online reporting system for suspected fraudulent signature gathering practices for direct initiative and people's veto petitions.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-405)

This amendment adds sections to the bill regarding certifying and notarizing petitions for a direct initiative or people's veto referendum. The amendment requires that a circulator sign a petition in the presence of a notary public or other authorized person to verify by oath or affirmation that the circulator personally witnessed all signatures to the petition. After administration of the oath or affirmation by the notary public or other authorized person, the notary public or other authorized person is required to sign the notarial certificate in the presence of the circulator. It also requires the notary public or other authorized person to maintain a log of the petitions for which the notary public or other authorized person administered the circulator's oath.

The amendment also provides that a notary public or other authorized person is prohibited from notarizing a petition for a direct initiative or people's veto if the notary public or other authorized person is employed or compensated by a petition organization or ballot question committee for any purpose other than providing notarial acts.

Finally, the amendment strikes the provision in the bill that requires the Secretary of State to establish an online reporting system for suspected fraudulent signature gathering practices and instead directs the Secretary of State to establish a method to facilitate the acceptance of such reports from members of the public.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 277 authorizes the Secretary of State to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the commission of a notary public who has allowed another person to use that notary public's commission. It also authorizes the Secretary of State to invalidate a petition for a direct initiative or people's veto if the Secretary of State is unable to verify the notarization of that petition.

The law requires that a circulator of a petition for a people's veto or direct initiative sign a petition in the presence of a notary public or another person authorized to verify by oath or affirmation that the circulator personally witnessed all signatures to the petition. After administration of the oath or affirmation by the notary public or other authorized

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person, the notary public or other authorized person is required to sign the notarial certificate in the presence of the circulator. It also requires the notary public or other authorized person to maintain a log of the petitions for which the notary public or other authorized person administered the circulator's oath.

Chapter 277 provides that a notary public or other authorized person is prohibited from notarizing a petition for a direct initiative or people's veto if the notary public or other authorized person is employed or compensated by a petition organization or ballot question committee for any purpose other than providing notarial acts.

Finally, the law directs the Secretary of State to establish a method to facilitate the acceptance of such reports from members of the public.

LD 1339 An Act To Amend the Procedure To Determine the Wording of Ballot Questions for Citizen Initiatives ONTP

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

This bill requires the Secretary of State to submit the ballot question for a pending citizen initiative of legislation to the Legislative Council for the council's review and approval. If the council does not approve the ballot question, the Secretary of State is required to revise the question and submit the revised question to the council for its review and approval.

LD 1357 An Act To Authorize Multiparty Candidate Nominations for State Offices ONTP

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

This bill allows a candidate to be nominated for a state office by more than one party. A candidate is not required to be an enrolled member of a party to serve as that party's nominee for state office. The name of such a candidate must appear on the ballot once with the name of each party that nominated the candidate listed below the candidate's name.

LD 1368 An Act To Amend Funding Distributions under the Maine Clean Election Act ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETT R WHITTEMORE R	ONTP	

This bill changes funding distributions under the Maine Clean Election Act. It removes the changes made to funding distributions in Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 1. It restores the method of funding distributions that was in law prior to enactment of Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 1, which required the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to determine the funding amount at least every two years and set a specific distribution for gubernatorial elections. It differs from the method of funding distributions in law prior to enactment of the initiated bill by limiting the information the commission may consider in making a determination. It also eliminates supplemental fund distributions.

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LD 1383 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DENNO D CARPENTER M	OTP-AM ONTP	

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow the Legislature to authorize a process to allow qualified voters to vote at polling places in or outside their election districts during the 15-day period immediately preceding an election or to vote by another method and to allow absentee voting for any sufficient reason.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-268)

This amendment, the majority report, changes the provision of the constitutional resolution allowing early voting to provide that the Legislature may authorize a process by which municipalities may conduct early voting by allowing voters to vote in the same manner as on election day during a period immediately preceding an election. The amendment retains the provision of the resolution that allows absentee voting for any sufficient reason.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1384 An Act To Amend the Election Laws

PUBLIC 248

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	S-169

This bill makes the following changes to the election laws.

1. It prohibits a voter from filing an application to change or withdraw party enrollment on the day of a primary election.
2. It clarifies that a municipality may not charge a rental fee or janitorial service fee to a municipal party committee for an available public building provided for the biennial municipal caucus.
3. It repeals the provision allowing a party to designate who can participate in the party's primary other than party members.
4. It removes the requirement for the state ballots to include a write-in space after the list of candidates for an office, unless there is a write-in candidate who has filed a declaration for that office.
5. It adds a requirement for a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths to keep a log for the purpose of recording information about the direct initiative or people's veto petitions on which the notary public has administered the circulator's oath and clarifies that the notary public must sign the circulator's oath immediately after the circulator has signed the petition in the notary's presence.
6. It corrects an omission in the districts for the Knox County budget committee.
7. It clarifies the types of licensed facilities at which municipal clerks are required to conduct absentee voting for the residents prior to an election.

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8. It moves the filing deadline for municipal nomination petitions from the 45th day to the 70th day prior to the election.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-169)

This amendment strikes the provisions of the bill that remove the requirement to print a space on state ballots for undeclared write-in candidates. It also strikes the provision in the bill that removes the option for a party to determine who may participate in the party's primary. The bill prohibits a voter from changing enrollment or withdrawing enrollment in a party on election day. The amendment provides that a voter may change or withdraw enrollment on election day, but the application to do so is not deemed received until the next business day. The amendment specifies that a municipality may charge a rental fee or janitorial service fee when the municipality provides space for a local caucus to meet. The amendment strikes a provision governing notarial acts related to petitions for a direct initiative of legislation and a people's veto referendum. Finally, the amendment provides that the deadline for filing municipal nomination papers is the 60th day prior to the election, rather than the 70th day prior to the election that is proposed in the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 248 makes several changes to the laws governing elections. It provides that a voter may change or withdraw enrollment on election day, but the application to do so is not deemed received until the next business day. It specifies that a municipality may charge a rental fee or janitorial service fee when the municipality provides space for a local caucus to meet. Chapter 248 changes the deadline for filing municipal nomination papers from the 45th day prior to the election to the 60th day prior to the election. It corrects an omission in the districts for the Knox County budget committee. Finally, this law clarifies the types of licensed facilities at which municipal clerks are required to conduct absentee voting for the residents prior to an election.

LD 1397 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and Related Laws

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

STETKIS J
VOLK A

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill makes the following changes to the Maine Clean Election Act and other related laws.

1. It changes references to the Maine Clean Election Act to the Maine Publicly Financed Election Act and removes specific references to the Maine Clean Election Fund.
2. It changes the tax revenue amounts required to be deposited in the fund by the State Controller from \$3,000,000 to \$2,000,000.
3. It limits participation in the Maine Publicly Financed Election Act to first-time candidates for Governor, State Senator or State Representative and provides that seed money for participating candidates running for State Senator or State Representative may come only from the participating candidate's district. It also revises seed money contribution limits for legislative candidates and eliminates the provision allowing participating candidates to collect additional qualifying contributions.
4. It changes funding distributions under the Maine Publicly Financed Election Act to require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to determine the funding amounts for legislative candidates at least every two years and sets a specific distribution for gubernatorial elections. It also eliminates supplemental fund distributions.
5. It removes a provision requiring that communications that are independent expenditures include a conspicuous

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statement listing the top three funders of the entity making the independent expenditure. It also specifies that reports of independent expenditures aggregating in excess of \$250 during any one candidate's election are required to be filed only by party committees, political committees and political action committees.

6. It removes a provision requiring the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters to report out legislation to eliminate corporate tax expenditures totaling \$6,000,000 per biennium.

LD 1411 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine ONTP
To Limit Petitions for Direct Initiatives That Would Violate the
Constitution of Maine

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to allow the Governor, Attorney General, Legislature by a 1/3 vote of both Houses or at least 500 electors by petition filed in the office of the Secretary of State to request an opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court on whether a bill, resolve or resolution proposed by electors to the Legislature would, if passed and implemented, violate the Constitution of Maine in any manner, including, but not limited to, the restriction or abridgement of the rights of citizens expressly declared in the Constitution of Maine. The Secretary of State must reject a petition if a majority of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court determines that the bill, resolve or resolution proposed by electors would, if passed and implemented, violate the Constitution of Maine.

LD 1422 An Act To Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates To Accepted Majority
Disclose Their Federal Income Tax Returns (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY S BELLOWS S	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill requires that, in order for a candidate for President or a candidate for Vice President to appear on a general election ballot, the candidate for President or the candidate for Vice President must disclose the previous five years of that candidate's federal income tax returns, which may be redacted to remove personally identifying information other than the candidate's name. It directs the Secretary of State to post the tax returns on the Secretary of State's website and to include in the secretary's report regarding presidential primaries pursuant to Public Law 2015, chapter 474, section 5 suggested legislation requiring primary candidates to disclose federal income tax returns.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-269)

This amendment, the minority report, provides that a candidate for President or Vice President must disclose the previous three years of tax returns to appear on the general election ballot; the bill requires tax returns from the previous five years.

This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 1441 An Act To Create Veteran-friendly Workplaces

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINGS B CARSON B	OTP-AM ONTP	H-369

This bill establishes a program within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to encourage employers in the State to establish veteran-friendly workplaces. The bill provides criteria for certifying a workplace as a veteran-friendly workplace and requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to conduct regular trainings for employers who voluntarily decide to establish such a workplace. The bill also directs the Department of Labor to establish a manner for recognizing employers whose workplaces have been certified as veteran-friendly workplaces.

This bill also requires an employer to allow an employee who is a veteran to take paid leave to attend scheduled appointments at a medical facility operated by the United States Veterans Administration. The employee must make reasonable efforts to consult with the employer before scheduling such an appointment in order to accommodate, so far as is reasonable, the needs of the employer. The employer may require reasonable advance notice and verification from the veteran of such an appointment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-369)

This amendment, the majority report, replaces the bill, striking the provisions that require an employer to provide a veteran with paid leave for appointments at a medical facility operated by the United States Veterans Administration and that establish a program to recognize veteran-friendly workplaces. The amendment amends current law governing family sick leave by defining "veteran" and requiring an employer with fewer than 25 employees to allow a veteran to take unpaid leave for scheduled appointments at a medical facility operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs when the veteran provides two weeks' notice. Employers who provide sick leave and have 25 or more employees must provide the veteran with paid leave for those appointments.

LD 1447 An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino on Houlton Band Trust Land Exempt from Certain Gaming Laws

Died Between Houses

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

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to accept an application for a casino operator license from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to operate 350 slot machines and 10 table games at a casino on Houlton Band Trust Land located on the North Road property of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Town of Houlton. A casino operated by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is not subject to a referendum. The bill raises the limit on the number of slot machines allowed in the State from 3,000 to 3,350 to accommodate the casino operated by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. A casino operated by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians would be subject to the oversight of the Gambling Control Board.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-437)

This amendment, the minority report, provides that an application submitted to the Gambling Control Board within the Department of Public Safety by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to operate a casino must include an acknowledgment that the operation of the casino is subject to the oversight and enforcement of the Gambling Control Board. The amendment removes the provision in the bill that states a casino operated by the Houlton Band

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of Maliseet Indians is not subject to any fees. The amendment provides that the casino operated by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is subject to the fees applied to casinos that were initially licensed before 2012 under current law except that the initial license fee is \$100,000 and the annual renewal fee is \$35,000. The amendment also makes a change to the distribution of table game revenue, which under the bill provides 2% of net revenue to all off-track betting facilities and to nonprofit organizations that conduct licensed charitable gaming. The amendment changes this distribution so that 1% of table game revenue supplements harness racing purses and 1% goes to veterans' organizations that have been continuously operating licensed charitable gaming for at least two years as of January 1, 2017.

LD 1449 An Act To Support Maine Military Charities

PUBLIC 114

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K MASON G	OTP-AM	H-264

This bill authorizes the Military Bureau to provide space in military facilities to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to members or families of members of the Maine National Guard. Under the bill, space provided to a nonprofit organization by the Military Bureau may be used only to provide assistance to members or families of members of the Maine National Guard.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-264)

This amendment replaces the bill. It establishes a definition of state military welfare society and authorizes the Adjutant General to provide logistical and administrative support to state military welfare societies and similar societies established under federal law. The amendment also provides that the Adjutant General may authorize state military welfare societies to distribute financial assistance to state military forces and their families from the Maine Military Family Relief Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 114 establishes a definition of state military welfare society and authorizes the Adjutant General to provide logistical and administrative support to state military welfare societies and similar societies established under federal law. It also provides that the Adjutant General may authorize state military welfare societies to distribute financial assistance to state military forces and their families from the Maine Military Family Relief Fund.

LD 1480 An Act To Improve the Disclosure of Major Contributors Influencing Maine Elections

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill amends the law governing campaign financing and reporting by:

1. Setting more specific criteria for the reporting of contributions by an organization that has received funds for multiple purposes and has formed a political action committee; and
2. Requiring an organization that has contributed more than \$100,000 to a political action committee, party committee or ballot question committee in this State to file a one-time report with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices disclosing information about the organization, its top five sources of funding and a

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certification as to whether the organization has received money to influence elections in this State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-526)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1525 An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Alcohol Manufacturer Licenses ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

This bill removes duplicative language regarding samples provided to the public by manufacturers licensed to produce wine, malt liquor and spirits in the State. The bill consolidates into one paragraph the provisions that govern the sale of a manufacturer's product for off-premises consumption to nonlicensees from the licensed manufacturer's facility. It also repeals and replaces in a separate subsection the provisions governing the authorization of a licensed manufacturer in the State to have a retail establishment licensed for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises, issued in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, chapter 43.

LD 1533 An Act To Update the Laws Relating to Liquor Licensing and Enforcement PUBLIC 167

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	OTP-AM	H-363

This bill:

1. Replaces the term "golf club" with "golf course" to eliminate the confusion in Title 28-A between golf clubs and other types of clubs;
2. Eliminates a threshold amount for a single retail purchase of liquor;
3. Clarifies which type of establishments on the same premises as an off-premises retailer must serve full course meals or food;
4. Removes the requirement that a business prior to being considered for an agency liquor store license must have sold malt liquor and wine for one year and have been violation free for that same period;
5. Amends language that establishes a minimum inventory value of spirits based on the population threshold established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A, section 461;
6. Removes language providing an exception for businesses with more than five locations in the State that are sold to a company that has sold malt liquor or wine in another state;
7. Eliminates the fee for an application for a relocation of an agency liquor store within the same municipality and adds a requirement that the application for relocation include proof that all existing agency liquor stores in the same municipality were notified of the relocation prior to approval by that municipality;
8. Repeals the requirement that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations hold a public hearing on the relocation application. The only approval needed is

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from the municipality on the relocation request by the agency liquor store;

9. Adds railroads to the list of public service corporation licensees in order to align with the definition of "public service corporation";
10. Clarifies that identification issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State is an acceptable form of identification for the purposes of purchasing liquor;
11. Amends the provision of law requiring that any malt liquor served from a faucet, spigot or dispensing apparatus must be identified by trade name to include all types of liquor;
12. Reduces the number of gallons that constitute a keg;
13. Establishes that mobile service bars used on golf courses may serve all types of liquor; and
14. Corrects provisions of law to refer to the director of the bureau instead of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services. These changes were inadvertently left out of Public Law 2013, chapter 368, Part V and Public Law 2013, chapter 476, Part A. The bill also provides that the director or the director's designee may approve an alcohol server education course that meets specific criteria.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-363)

This amendment requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to establish a process by which an existing agency liquor store in the same municipality to which another agency liquor store is applying to relocate may submit support of or objections to the bureau regarding the relocation. The bill proposes to eliminate from the criteria for issuance of a new agency liquor store license that the applicant be licensed to sell beer and wine for at least one year prior to application and that the applicant was not found to have violated any provision of that license. The amendment provides that an applicant is not required to have been previously licensed to sell beer and wine, but that if the applicant was licensed to conduct those sales the applicant did so without a violation of law. The amendment adds a requirement that the applicant demonstrate that the applicant will act as a responsible licensee. The amendment also changes the laws regarding mobile service bars at golf courses and disc golf courses, reflecting changes made in Public Law 2017, chapter 17.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 167 makes the follow changes to the laws governing liquor in that it:

1. Replaces the term "golf club" with "golf course" to eliminate the confusion in Title 28-A between golf clubs and other types of clubs;
2. Eliminates a threshold amount for a single retail purchase of liquor;
3. Clarifies which type of establishments on the same premises as an off-premises retailer must serve full course meals or food;
4. It removes from the criteria for issuance of a new agency liquor store license that the applicant be licensed to sell beer and wine for at least one year prior to application and that the applicant was not found to have violated any provision of that license. In its place, chapter 167 provides that an applicant is not required to have been previously licensed to sell beer and wine, but that if the applicant was licensed to conduct those sales the applicant did so without a violation of law and adds a requirement that the applicant demonstrate that the applicant will act as a responsible licensee;
5. Amends language that establishes a minimum inventory value of spirits based on the population threshold;

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6. Removes language providing an exception for businesses with more than five locations in the State that are sold to a company that has sold malt liquor or wine in another state;
7. Eliminates the fee for an application for a relocation of an agency liquor store within the same municipality;
8. Repeals the requirement that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations hold a public hearing on the relocation application. It requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to establish a process by which an existing agency liquor store in the same municipality as another agency liquor store applying to relocate may submit support of or objections to the bureau regarding the relocation. The only approval needed is from the municipality on the relocation request by the agency liquor store;
9. Adds railroads to the list of public service corporation licensees in order to align with the definition of "public service corporation";
10. Clarifies that identification issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State is an acceptable form of identification for the purposes of purchasing liquor;
11. Amends the provision of law requiring that any malt liquor served from a faucet, spigot or dispensing apparatus must be identified by trade name to include all types of liquor;
12. Reduces the number of gallons that constitute a keg;
13. Establishes that mobile service bars used on golf courses and disc golf courses may serve all types of liquor; and
14. Corrects provisions of law to refer to the director of the bureau instead of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services. These changes were inadvertently left out of Public Law 2013, chapter 368, Part V and Public Law 2013, chapter 476, Part A. Chapter 167 also provides that the director or the director's designee may approve an alcohol server education course that meets specific criteria.

LD 1536 An Act To Allow Maine Manufacturers To Sell Spirits at Farmers' Markets and To Allow Taste Testings at Farmers' Markets

PUBLIC 168

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN C	OTP-AM	H-364

This bill allows the sale of wine, spirits and malt liquor manufactured in Maine for off-premises consumption at taste-testing events and the sale of spirits manufactured in Maine at farmers' markets. Under current law, the sale of wine and malt liquor at farmers' markets is allowed. The bill also allows taste testings to be conducted at farmers' markets.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-364)

This amendment strikes the provisions in the bill that permit a manufacturer who takes part in a taste-testing event to also sell the manufacturer's products at that event for off-premises consumption. The bill eliminates the requirement that a manufacturer provide advance notice to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations that the manufacturer is selling its product at a farmers' market. The amendment maintains that requirement and requires that notice of a taste-testing event also be provided to the bureau. The amendment clarifies that spirits sold by a small distillery at a farmers' market may be sold in the same manner as permitted under current law when a small distillery sells spirits from its manufacturing facility for off-premises consumption. The amendment maintains the authorization in the bill that manufacturers of

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liquor may conduct a taste testing at farmers' markets. The amendment specifies that the manufacturer must comply with the bylaws of the farmers' market in order to conduct a taste testing and that a farmers' market is limited to two taste-testing events per month at which a manufacturer may offer the manufacturer's product for taste testing.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 168 permits the sale of spirits at farmers' markets. Under current law, the sale of wine and malt liquor at farmers' markets is allowed. It also allows taste testings of beer, wine and spirits to be conducted at farmers' markets. Chapter 168 specifies that a manufacturer must comply with the bylaws of the farmers' market in order to conduct a taste testing and that a farmers' market is limited to two taste-testing events per month at which a manufacturer may offer the manufacturer's product for taste testing.

Finally, the law clarifies that spirits sold by a small distillery at a farmers' market may be sold in the same manner as permitted under current law when a small distillery sells spirits from its manufacturing facility for off-premises consumption.

LD 1543 An Act To Simplify the Licensing Process for Off-site Catering

PUBLIC 260

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THIBODEAU M HERBIG E	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-234

Current law requires that a Class A restaurant, Class A lounge, Class A restaurant/lounge, club licensed to sell liquor, hotel or bed and breakfast that wishes to acquire an off-premises catering license from the State also receive approval from the municipality in which the event is to occur, and a municipality may set its own fee for granting a permit. This bill eliminates the requirement that an applicant for an off-premises catering license from the State receive approval from the municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-234)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The bill eliminates municipal approval for off-premises catering licenses. The amendment provides that, if the municipal approval required as part of an application for an off-premises catering license or a qualified catering license is submitted by the municipality electronically, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations must accept the municipal approval in that form.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-235)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. The bill eliminates municipal approval for off-premises catering licenses. The amendment provides that, if a municipality does not provide approval or denial of an application for an off-premises catering license or a qualified caterer's license within five days, municipal approval is presumed.

This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 260 provides that, if the municipal approval required as part of an application for an off-premises catering license or a qualified catering license is submitted by the municipality electronically, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations must accept the municipal approval in that form.

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**LD 1554 Resolve, Authorizing Claire Dean Perry and the Estate of William Dean
To Bring Suit against the Surety Obtained by the Department of Health
and Human Services in Its Capacity as Public Conservator** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEEBE-CENTER P	OTP-AM	H-365

This resolve authorizes Claire Dean Perry and the estate of William Dean to bring suit against the surety bond that was obtained by the Department of Health and Human Services in the department's capacity as public conservator or public guardian of William Dean and that was filed with the Probate Court pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-A, section 5-611. This resolve constitutes a waiver of the State's defense of sovereign immunity.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-365)

This amendment clarifies that the surety for the State may not assert the defense of immunity in any proceeding authorized by the resolve and filed with the Probate Court. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 1560 An Act Regarding Veteran Homelessness **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEWART H DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to address veteran homelessness in this State in a comprehensive and collaborative manner by implementing strategies recommended in the "Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Veteran Homelessness" prepared by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services.

1. The bill would create a subcommittee of the Statewide Homeless Council, referred to in this bill as "the subcommittee," to share information among all organizations working to prevent and address veteran homelessness.
 - A. The subcommittee consists of the following members:
 - (1) The members of the Maine Homeless Veterans Action Committee;
 - (2) A representative of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services, who is the chair;
 - (3) A representative of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, who is the vice-chair;
 - (4) A veteran who advocates on behalf of homeless veterans;
 - (5) The justice action coordinator from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
 - (6) A representative of a community action program;

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(7) A representative of the Veterans Justice Outreach Program of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

(8) A representative of the Maine Department of Labor;

(9) A representative of the Maine Apartment Owners and Managers Association;

(10) An employment specialist from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

(11) A representative of Shelter Plus Care or the Bridging Rental Assistance Program at the Maine Department of Health and Human Services;

(12) A member of the Statewide Homeless Council; and

(13) Other representatives of organizations that provide services to homeless veterans.

B. The following are the duties of the subcommittee:

(1) Manage the list by name of homeless veterans through regular review and updating and conferencing to coordinate the deployment of resources;

(2) Add the name of a homeless veteran to the list at the request of an agency or concerned citizen;

(3) Provide training on best referral practices to other agencies and organizations; and

(4) Report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters.

2. The bill would encourage the execution of memoranda of understanding between state agencies that provide services to veterans, including the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services, Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Labor, to foster the improvement of communication between these agencies and the improvement of the sharing of data among providers of services to veterans.

3. The bill would provide funding for the establishment of an Assistant Coordinator of Homeless Veterans Services in the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services. This position:

A. Reports to, staffs and coordinates the activities of the subcommittee;

B. Works with agencies and organizations to coordinate service delivery, data collection and data analysis and reporting; and

C. Administers the Landlord Assistance Fund, to be established in the bill.

4. The bill would provide funding for enhancements to technology, including the development of uniform reporting standards and improved data collection.

5. The bill would provide grants for a statewide system of veteran homelessness prevention. Grants must be approved by the subcommittee and administered by the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services.

6. The bill would provide training on best practices for referring a homeless veteran to law enforcement, hospital staff or helpline staff accessed by dialing 2-1-1. The subcommittee would administer this training.

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7. The bill would add capacity to the 2-1-1 system to help homeless veterans and encourage people to use the 2-1-1 system to report a veteran in distress.
8. The bill would seek to find long-term solutions to reduce barriers to veterans securing housing, including, but not limited to, substance abuse, mental illness, felony charges, lack of a driver's license, physical disability, lack of case management and unemployment.
9. The bill would increase the number of permanent supportive housing units.
10. The bill would require the subcommittee to establish a pilot project to determine best practices for a coordinated system of entry using a standard assessment process by all providers in order to provide a consistent level of services to homeless veterans regardless of which provider first serves a veteran.
11. The bill would establish a percentage of Section 8 vouchers for which homeless veterans will be given preference.
12. The bill would provide funding to assist landlords to improve substandard apartments to provide housing for homeless veterans.
13. The bill would provide for an annual address on the state of homelessness to be given to the Legislature by the Statewide Homeless Council.

LD 1561 An Act To Enact the Maine Citizens' Initiatives Clean Election Act

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COREY P ROSEN K	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill establishes the Maine Citizens' Initiatives Clean Election Act. It provides a public financing mechanism for committees that are Maine-chartered nonprofits or groups whose principal officers are Maine citizens and are formed to support or oppose a citizens' initiative ballot question or a people's veto or to support a competing measure to a citizens' initiative ballot question. The funding process is similar to that provided for clean election candidates under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 14. It provides for limits on the amount of funds that committees seeking public funding may raise and spend prior to qualifying for public funding and the amount of qualifying contributions that a committee must raise to be certified to receive public funding, and it establishes the amounts that certified committees may receive. It also establishes procedures governing financial reporting and accounting, appeals of decisions, penalties for violations and other procedural matters to ensure the integrity of the process. In addition to other available funds, including qualifying contributions raised by committees and voluntary contributions through a tax checkoff program, funding for certified committees is provided by an annual appropriation of \$3,000,000.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-438)

This amendment, which is the minority report, provides allocations to finance certified committees and to pay administrative and enforcement costs of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 1568 An Act To Require That Principals of Corporations Remain the Same for a Specified Number of Years for the Corporation To Be Eligible for a Casino License

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R SCHNECK J		

Current law prohibits the transfer or assignment of a casino operator license. This bill requires that a corporation applying for a license must have had the same principal officers for at least five years prior to the issue of that license and must retain those officers for at least 10 years after the issue or renewal of the license.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H. P. 1138.

LD 1571 An Act To Amend the Election Laws Relating to Party Qualification

PUBLIC 254

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-439

This bill creates a new category of political party, defined as a "minor party," with a minimum of 5,000 and a maximum of 50,000 enrolled voters. A party with more than 50,000 enrolled voters is defined as a "major party" and nominates candidates through the primary election process. Minor parties do not participate in primaries but instead nominate candidates at state conventions and are required to file consent forms and statements of qualification for those candidates with the Secretary of State within 30 days of the convention or by August 8th of the election year, whichever first occurs. The bill modifies the timeline and procedure for major and minor parties to qualify and to retain qualified party status. It includes an administrative process, similar to the existing one for candidate petition challenges, by which a party may challenge a determination by the Secretary of State that it has failed to qualify. These changes to the party qualification process are intended to address legal issues raised by the Libertarian Party of Maine in a lawsuit filed in 2016, *Libertarian Party of Maine v. Dunlap*, Docket No. 2:16-cv-00002-JAW, and addressed by the United States District Court in a preliminary injunction order issued on May 27, 2016.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-439)

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. The amendment extends the date by which a party may qualify as a party by submitting an application to the Secretary of State with the required number of voters enrolled in the proposed party. The amendment also provides that a party has two general election cycles to enroll the required number of voters to maintain party status. Current law provides for one general election cycle to enroll the required 10,000 voters. Like the bill, the amendment establishes an appeal process if the Secretary of State denies an application for party qualification. These changes to the process of party qualification are intended to address legal issues raised by the Libertarian Party of Maine in a lawsuit filed in 2016, *Libertarian Party of Maine v. Dunlap*, Docket No. 2:16-cv-00002-JAW, and addressed by the United States District Court in a preliminary injunction order issued on May 27, 2016.

This amendment also provides that the party qualifications in this amendment apply retroactively to November 1, 2016.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-440)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that a party that filed a certification with

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the Secretary of State in 2016 that it has at least 5,000 voters enrolled in the party and whose nominee for President of the United States appeared on the ballot at the general election on November 8, 2016 is qualified as a minor party as defined by the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 254 extends the date by which a party may qualify as a party by submitting an application to the Secretary of State with the required number of voters enrolled in the proposed party. The law provides that a party has two general election cycles to enroll the required number of voters to maintain party status. Current law provides for one general election cycle to enroll the required 10,000 voters. Chapter 254 establishes an appeal process if the Secretary of State denies an application for party qualification. These changes to the process of party qualification are intended to address legal issues raised by the Libertarian Party of Maine in a lawsuit filed in 2016, *Libertarian Party of Maine v. Dunlap*, Docket No. 2:16-cv-00002-JAW, and addressed by the United States District Court in a preliminary injunction order issued on May 27, 2016.

Public Law 2017, chapter 254 also provides that the party qualifications in this amendment apply retroactively to November 1, 2016.

LD 1590 An Act Authorizing the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Benefit from the Operation of an Existing Casino CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M TALBOT ROSS R		

Current law requires that 4% of the net slot machine income from the casino in Oxford be distributed to the tribal governments of the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe. This bill requires that this 4% of the net slot machine income be distributed to the tribal governments of the Penobscot Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Aroostook Band of Micmacs.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1591 An Act To Strengthen the Restrictions Governing Lobbying by Former Legislators and Former Executive Branch Officials Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARRIN B	ONTP OTP	

Current law allows former Legislators and certain former executive-level state employees to engage in compensated lobbying for up to eight hours per calendar month for the first year after leaving office or employment. This bill prohibits all compensated lobbying by such persons during that period of time.

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**LD 1624 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Implement Ranked-choice Voting** **Final Passage
Failed**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BREEN C PIERCE T	OTP-AM ONTP OTP-AM	S-300

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require candidates for the political offices of Governor, State Senator and State Representative to be elected by a majority of the votes cast for that office.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-300)

This amendment replaces the resolution and proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to authorize the Legislature, or the electors through the direct initiative process, to enact legislation for the determination of the winners of elections for the offices of State Senator, State Representative and Governor by popular vote.

LD 1625 An Act To Repeal the Ranked-choice Voting Law **Died Between
Houses**

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

This bill repeals provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes establishing ranked-choice voting enacted by the voters with Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 3.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-303)

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment does not affect the use of the ranked-choice voting method for the primary nomination elections to the office of the Governor and to the Legislature. The amendment requires the ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of Maine that approves the use of the ranked-choice voting method for those offices before that method may be used.

This amendment requires the Secretary of State to adopt routine technical rules for the administration of ranked-choice voting, including the administration of recounts.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "C" (S-304)

This amendment replaces the bill. It amends the laws governing ranked-choice voting to exclude the election of Governor, State Senator and State Representative. The ranked-choice voting method would still be applied to primary nomination elections for these offices. The amendment delays the implementation of ranked-choice voting for applicable offices until elections held after December 1, 2019. The amendment requires the Secretary of State to submit a report on the implementation of ranked-choice voting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over elections matters no later than January 1, 2019.

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This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-302)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1627 An Act To Protect the Integrity of Maine Elections by Requiring INDEF PP
Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting

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

This bill requires that a voter provide proof of identity with photographic identification for the purpose of voting. The bill specifies the types of photographic identification that may be used to verify the identity of a voter. It provides that a person who does not present photographic identification may cast a provisional ballot and establishes the process for provisional voting. Under this process, if the person can verify the person's identity to the warden or an election clerk within three business days of the election by presenting acceptable photographic identification, the ballot will be cast as a regular ballot. Through the general election of 2018, a person who does not present acceptable photographic identification but is known to a municipal clerk, registrar or election official at the voting place may cast a regular ballot upon submission of an affidavit by the municipal clerk, registrar or election official attesting to the person's identity. Finally, the bill requires the Secretary of State to provide, at no fee, nondriver identification cards to eligible persons who do not have another form of acceptable photographic identification to verify identity for the purpose of voting.

LD 1631 An Act To Repeal the Law Permitting Advance Deposit Wagering Died On
Adjournment

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

This bill repeals the laws permitting the practice of advance deposit wagering.

LD 1642 An Act To Clarify Licensing Provisions for the Manufacture and Sale of PUBLIC 280
Liquor EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	OTP OTP-AM	

This bill clarifies one of the criteria that qualify a person who is licensed to manufacture liquor in the State to also have an establishment licensed for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the licensed premises. The bill requires that the person have a controlling interest in both the manufacturing business and the on-premises establishment, regardless of the business structure of either entity. Under current law, and as applicable to this bill, "person" is defined as an individual, partnership, corporation, firm, association or other legal entity.

The bill also temporarily prohibits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic

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Beverages and Lottery Operations from suspending, revoking or refusing to renew certain licenses for the manufacture or sale of liquor issued prior to June 1, 2017 based solely on a change in the bureau's interpretation of the terms "exclusively held" or "exclusively owned."

Committee Amendment "A" (H-546)

This amendment, the minority report, strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve containing the provision that temporarily prohibits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations from suspending, revoking or refusing to renew certain licenses solely based on a change in the bureau's interpretation of the terms "exclusively held" or "exclusively owned."

This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 280 clarifies one of the criteria that qualify a person who is licensed to manufacture liquor in the State to also have an establishment licensed for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the licensed premises. It requires that the person have a controlling interest in both the manufacturing business and the on-premises establishment, regardless of the business structure of either entity. As applicable to this law, "person" is defined as an individual, partnership, corporation, firm, association or other legal entity.

The law also temporarily prohibits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations from suspending, revoking or refusing to renew certain licenses for the manufacture or sale of liquor issued prior to June 1, 2017 based solely on a change in the bureau's interpretation of the terms "exclusively held" or "exclusively owned."

Public Law 2017, chapter 280 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 29, 2017.

LD 1646	An Act To Bring Maine's Ranked-choice Voting Law into Constitutional Compliance	CARRIED OVER
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Sponsor(s)

ACKLEY K

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill amends the ranked-choice voting law to bring it into compliance with the Constitution of Maine by applying the provisions of the law only to primary elections for the offices of United States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator and State Representative and general and special elections for the offices of United States Senator and United States Representative to Congress. The bill does not allow ranked-choice voting to be used for general and special elections for the offices of Governor, State Senator and State Representative unless an amendment to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part First, Section 5, Article IV, Part Second, Sections 4 and 5 and Article V, Part First, Section 3 that authorizes the Legislature, by proper enactment, to determine the method by which the Governor and members of the State Senate and House of Representatives are elected is ratified.

The bill requires the Secretary of State to adopt routine technical rules for the administration of ranked-choice voting, including the administration of recounts.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H. P. 1138.

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Not Enacted

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LD 1254	An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Super Cribbage Tournaments	PUBLIC 182 EMERGENCY

Not Enacted

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LD 853	An Act To Allow Beano at Campgrounds	ONTP
LD 975	An Act Regarding Licensing of Cribbage Tournaments	ONTP

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

LD 1554	Resolve, Authorizing Claire Dean Perry and the Estate of William Dean To Bring Suit against the Surety Obtained by the Department of Health and Human Services in Its Capacity as Public Conservator	CARRIED OVER
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Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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LD 1284	An Act To Require Election Transparency and Audits	ONTP
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LD 1422	An Act To Require Presidential and Vice-Presidential Candidates To Disclose Their Federal Income Tax Returns	Majority (ONTP) Report

Fantasy Contests

Enacted

LD 1320	An Act To Regulate Fantasy Sports Contests	PUBLIC 303
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Harness Racing and Off-track Betting

Not Enacted

LD 1631	An Act To Repeal the Law Permitting Advance Deposit Wagering	Died On Adjournment
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Initiatives and Referenda

Enacted

LD 1323	An Act To Amend the Direct Initiative Signature Gathering Process	PUBLIC 277
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Not Enacted

LD 5	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Exclude Wildlife Issues from Citizen Initiatives	ONTP
LD 31	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each Congressional District	CARRIED OVER
LD 53	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit Payment Per Signature for Citizen Petition Drives	Died Between Houses

LD 212	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each State Senatorial District	ONTP
LD 564	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Number of Signatures Required for a Direct Initiative of Legislation	ONTP
LD 715	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Amend the Citizen Initiative Process	ONTP
LD 796	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Referendum Questions for Statewide Ballots	ONTP
LD 883	An Act To Establish a Minimum Payment for Signatures Gathered by Maine Citizens for Referendums	ONTP
LD 906	An Act Regarding the Collection of Signatures for a Direct Initiative	ONTP
LD 937	An Act To Require the Fiscal Impact of a Direct Initiative of Legislation To Be Included on the Ballot	ONTP
LD 1035	An Act To Require an Opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court on Direct Initiatives of Legislation	ONTP
LD 1271	An Act Regarding the Certification Process for Direct Initiatives and People's Veto Referenda	ONTP
LD 1339	An Act To Amend the Procedure To Determine the Wording of Ballot Questions for Citizen Initiatives	ONTP
LD 1411	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit Petitions for Direct Initiatives That Would Violate the Constitution of Maine	ONTP
LD 1561	An Act To Enact the Maine Citizens' Initiatives Clean Election Act	Majority (ONTP) Report

Landlord/Tenant Laws

Enacted

LD 136	An Act Regarding the Eviction Process	PUBLIC 103
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Not Enacted

LD 819	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Adequacy of Housing Safety Laws	ONTP
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LD 1102	An Act To Discourage Tenants from Damaging Rental Property	ONTP
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Legislative Ethics

Not Enacted

LD 413	An Act To Limit the Influence of Lobbyists by Expanding the Prohibition on Accepting Political Contributions	Report A (ONTP)
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Lobbying and Lobbyists

Not Enacted

LD 1591	An Act To Strengthen the Restrictions Governing Lobbying by Former Legislators and Former Executive Branch Officials	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Lottery

Not Enacted

LD 296	An Act To Restrict Advertising of and Improve Fairness for State Lottery Games	ONTP
LD 1255	An Act Authorizing an Instant Lottery Game with Proceeds To Benefit Early Childhood Education	ONTP

Maine National Guard

Not Enacted

LD 438	An Act To Provide a Travel Reimbursement to Members of the Maine National Guard	ONTP
LD 948	Resolve, To Direct the Adjutant General To Procure Medals for Maine National Guard Members Mobilized for the 1958-1961 Berlin Crisis	ONTP

Marijuana Legalization

Enacted

LD 88	An Act To Delay the Implementation of Certain Portions of the Marijuana Legalization Act	PUBLIC 1 EMERGENCY
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Slot Machines and Gambling

Not Enacted

LD 719	An Act To Allow Slot Machines or a Casino in York County	INDEF PP
LD 1201	An Act To Authorize Tribal Gaming	CARRIED OVER
LD 1253	An Act To Make Maine's Casinos More Competitive by Authorizing Extensions of Credit	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 1447	An Act To Recognize and Provide for the Right of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Operate a Casino on Houlton Band Trust Land Exempt from Certain Gaming Laws	Died Between Houses
LD 1568	An Act To Require That Principals of Corporations Remain the Same for a Specified Number of Years for the Corporation To Be Eligible for a Casino License	CARRIED OVER

LD 1590	An Act Authorizing the Aroostook Band of Micmacs and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians To Benefit from the Operation of an Existing Casino	CARRIED OVER
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Veterans

Enacted

LD 214	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification	RESOLVE 27 EMERGENCY
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LD 1231	Resolve, To Assess the Need for Mental Health Care Services for Veterans in Maine and To Establish a Pilot Program To Provide Case Management Services to Veterans for Mental Health Care	RESOLVE 24 EMERGENCY
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Not Enacted

LD 213	An Act To Provide Funds for Access for Veterans Seeking Health Care	Veto Sustained
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LD 271	An Act for Providers across Multiple Sectors To Inquire of Clients and Customers about Former Military Service	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 465	An Act To Assist Veterans in Their Applications for Service-related Benefits	Died Between Houses
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LD 496	An Act To Update Maine's Veterans' Benefits Eligibility Requirements	ONTP
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LD 714	An Act To Create an Award Program for Maine's Veteran-friendly Workplaces	ONTP
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LD 792	An Act To Authorize Funding for Transitional Housing for Women Veterans and Their Families	CARRIED OVER
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LD 995	An Act To Allow a Resident Veteran's Child Who Is Enrolled in an Out-of-state College or University To Take a Course in Maine at a State Postsecondary Education Institution for Free	ONTP
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LD 1208	An Act To Amend the Veterans Service Laws	Died On Adjournment
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LD 1441	An Act To Create Veteran-friendly Workplaces	Veto Sustained
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LD 1560	An Act Regarding Veteran Homelessness	ONTP
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Voting

Not Enacted

LD 78	An Act To Permit Unenrolled Voters To Cast Ballots in Primary Elections	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 121	An Act To Require Photographic Identification to Vote	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 155	An Act To Protect Voting Integrity by Establishing a Residency Verification Requirement for Purposes of Voting	Majority (ONTP) Report
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LD 439	An Act To Allow Voters To Choose Ongoing Absentee Voter Status	ONTP
LD 440	An Act To Expand Absentee Balloting To Include Certain Residents in Independent Living Facilities	ONTP
LD 879	An Act To Allow Any Person To Purchase Voter Registration Lists	ONTP
LD 979	An Act Regarding Early Voting in Person	ONTP
LD 1204	An Act Regarding Absentee Voting by Residents of Nursing Homes and Other Residential Care Facilities	CARRIED OVER
LD 1232	An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Automatically Register Nonregistered Persons Who Are Qualified To Vote through Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	Died Between Houses
LD 1256	Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Implement Ranked-choice Voting	ONTP
LD 1383	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting	Died Between Houses
LD 1624	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting	Final Passage Failed
LD 1625	An Act To Repeal the Ranked-choice Voting Law	Died Between Houses
LD 1627	An Act To Protect the Integrity of Maine Elections by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	INDEF PP
LD 1646	An Act To Bring Maine's Ranked-choice Voting Law into Constitutional Compliance	CARRIED OVER