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LD 3 An Act To Designate Registered Voters Not Enrolled in a Political Party as Independent Voters ONTP

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

This bill designates unenrolled registered voters as independent voters in the election laws.

LD 5 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Liquor Licenses ONTP

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

Current law limits the number of agency liquor stores that sell spirits in a municipality based on the population of the municipality. This bill removes the limits on the number of agency liquor stores that may be licensed in a municipality.

LD 28 An Act To Promote the Integrity of Citizens' Initiatives ONTP

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

This bill requires that a person who collects signatures for a citizens' initiative must be a voter registered in Maine.

LD 29 An Act To Amend the Landlord and Tenant Laws as They Pertain to Interest Paid on Mobile Home Park Tenant Security Deposits PUBLIC 128

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAZUREK RECTOR	OTP-AM	H-160

This bill removes the requirement that a mobile home park owner pay 4% annual interest on security deposits that are returned to tenants.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-160)

This amendment replaces the bill. The bill removed the requirement that a mobile home park operator pay 4%

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annual interest on security deposits that are returned to tenants. The amendment retains the requirement that interest be paid, but requires that the amount of interest paid must be either the interest amount earned on the deposit if deposited in an individual segregated savings account or a reasonable amount of annual interest, which is defined as the annual interest rate on a 6-month certificate of deposit. The amendment also requires that security deposits not be commingled with the assets of the landlord.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 128 requires that the amount of interest paid on mobile home park tenant security deposits must be either the interest amount earned on the deposit if deposited in an individual segregated savings account or a reasonable amount of annual interest, which is defined as the annual interest rate on a 6-month certificate of deposit. The law also requires that security deposits not be commingled with the assets of the landlord.

LD 30 An Act To Establish Native American Veterans Day

**PUBLIC 51
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SOCTOMAH RAYE	OTP-AM	H-45

This bill establishes May 1st of each year as Native American Veterans Day in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-45)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause. The amendment also changes the date to be named Native American Veterans Day to June 21st.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 51 establishes June 21st as Native American Veterans Day in Maine.

This law was enacted as an emergency measure and took effect on April 22, 2009.

LD 56 An Act To Join the Interstate Compact on the National Popular Vote

Carried Over

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

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. This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1053.

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**LD 102 An Act To Exempt a Door Prize Awarded at a Fishing Tournament
from Being Classified as a Game of Chance ONTP**

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

This bill provides that a door prize offered by an organization conducting a fishing tournament permitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is not a game of chance for purposes of licensing games of chance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17, chapter 14.

**LD 105 An Act To Increase the Allowable Contributions to Traditionally
Funded Campaigns ONTP**

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

This bill increases the amount of allowable contributions to the campaigns of candidates for the State Senate and the State House of Representatives who do not participate in Maine Clean Election Act funding from \$250 to \$500 and the amount of allowable contributions to the campaigns of candidates for Governor who do not participate in Maine Clean Election Act funding from \$500 to \$2,000.

LD 116 An Act To Allow Political Signs on Private Property Only ONTP

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

This bill restricts the placing of political signs to private property. The bill also requires the permission of a landowner before a political sign may be placed on private property and allows a landowner to remove the sign if permission was not obtained.

**LD 129 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Conduct a Pilot Program
for Early Voting for the November 2009 Election RESOLVE 24**

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

This resolve directs the Secretary of State to administer a pilot program for early voting that would allow selected municipalities to conduct early voting at polling places up to 10 days prior to the November 3, 2009 election day.

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Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 24 directs the Secretary of State to administer a pilot program for early voting that would allow selected municipalities to conduct early voting at polling places up to 10 days prior to the November 3, 2009 election day and report back to the committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs by January 15, 2010.

LD 140 An Act To Prohibit a Maine Clean Election Act Candidate from Participating in Political Action Committee Funding ONTP

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

This bill prohibits Maine Clean Election Act candidates from participating in political action committees that are established to influence the election or defeat of legislative candidates or to support that candidate's effort to be elected to a legislative leadership position.

LD 150 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Conduct a Pilot Program for Ongoing Absentee Voter Status RESOLVE 94

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HINCK SULLIVAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-182

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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-182)

This amendment replaces the bill. It establishes a resolve to direct the Secretary of State to conduct a pilot program regarding establishing ongoing absentee voter status.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 94 directs the Secretary of State to conduct a pilot program for giving voters ongoing absentee voter status. The pilot must include 3 statewide elections in November 2009, June 2010 and November 2010. The Secretary of state is required to submit a report regarding the pilot program by February 15, 2011.

LD 193 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Tournament Games PUBLIC 457

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT P	OTP-AM	H-84 S-323 DIAMOND

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Current law limits to 100 the number of players allowed to participate in a tournament game such as Texas Hold 'Em. This bill eliminates the limit of 100 players and instead provides that the number of players may not exceed the legal maximum allowable occupancy for that venue. In addition, current law requires that 75% of the entry fees be paid as prizes to the winners of the tournament. This bill instead provides that no less than 75% of the entry fees be paid to the winners.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-84)

This amendment strikes the provision of the bill that permitted an unlimited number of players to participate in a tournament game as long as that number was within the allowable maximum occupancy for that venue. The amendment provides that tournament games conducted on premises owned by the licensee may have up to 300 players. The amendment also provides for a graduated tournament game license fee based on the number of players to take part in the tournament. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-323)

This amendment strikes the appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 457 amends the games of chance laws to provide that tournament games conducted on premises owned by the licensee may have up to 300 players. It also provides for a graduated tournament game license fee based on the number of players to take part in the tournament.

LD 204 An Act Regarding the Conducting of Games of Chance by Nonprofit Organizations ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW BRYANT B	ONTP	

This bill provides that a local chapter of a statewide nonprofit organization that wishes to conduct a game of chance need only provide the date and location where the game of chance will be conducted. The statewide nonprofit organization must provide a copy of its bylaws, a list of all local chapters, the name of the local chapter wishing to conduct a game of chance and the names of the officers of the local chapter in order for the local chapter to be eligible for a game of chance license with these reduced requirements.

LD 205 An Act To Repeal the Maine Clean Election Act ONTP

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

This bill repeals the Maine Clean Election Act.

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LD 219 An Act To Require Maine Clean Election Act Candidates To Use Maine Vendors

ONTP

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

This bill requires a Maine Clean Election Act candidate to use in-state vendors when purchasing campaign-related goods and services whenever feasible.

LD 235 An Act To Provide Fiscal Information for Citizen Initiatives

PUBLIC 341

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN MILLS P	OTP-AM	H-435

This bill requires the Secretary of State to request assistance from the Office of Fiscal and Program Review to determine whether a direct initiative will have a fiscal impact. If the Office of Fiscal and Program Review determines that the direct initiative has a cost other than the cost associated with conducting a referendum on the direct initiative, the person who submitted the direct initiative must indicate in a subsequent draft of the direct initiative submitted to the Secretary of State how the cost of the direct initiative will be paid. The bill also requires the Secretary of State to include in the ballot question information on the cost of the direct initiative and how that cost will be paid. The bill also indicates that if a means of paying for or accounting for the cost is not included in the legislation, then the direct initiative may not be enacted into law until it is funded through the normal legislative process.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-435)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment changes the date by which fiscal impact statements must be completed for direct initiatives of legislation so that the statements may be included on the petition to be circulated for that direct initiative. It requires initiative petitions to include a space at the top of each page for the name of the circulator and requires the fiscal impact statement to be printed on initiative petitions and election ballots and to be posted conspicuously in voting places and in voting booths.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 341 changes the date by which fiscal impact statements must be completed for direct initiatives of legislation so that the statements may be included on the petition to be circulated for that direct initiative. It requires initiative petitions to include a space at the top of each page for the name of the circulator and requires the fiscal impact statement to be printed on initiative petitions and election ballots and to be posted conspicuously in voting places and in voting booths.

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LD 258 An Act Regarding Political Signs

PUBLIC 183

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P SMITH D	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-133

This bill removes the requirement in the election laws that the address of a person who pays for a communication made for or against a candidate be included on the communication. The bill also provides that the name of a candidate or candidate's committee does not have to be on a sign as having financed the sign if the candidate's name is prominently displayed on the sign and the sign is at least 2 square feet or larger in size.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-133)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides for an exemption for political communications that are authorized by a candidate that are in the form of a sign, clearly identify the candidate and are individually hand-lettered. These signs would not be required to include the name and address of the person who made or financed the communication.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 183 provides for an exemption regarding political communications that are authorized by a candidate that are in the form of a sign, clearly identify the candidate and are individually hand-lettered. These signs would not be required to include the name and address of the person who made or financed the communication.

LD 259 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act

ONTP

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

This bill increases the amount of seed money contributions that Maine Clean Election Act candidates may receive from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for candidates for the State Senate and from \$500 to \$750 for candidates for the State House of Representatives. The bill also allows qualifying contributions to be in the amount of \$5 or \$10.

LD 293 An Act To Provide Project Support for Veterans' Cemeteries

ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to provide annual funding for projects at the State's veterans' cemeteries by dedicating a certain percentage of any increase in revenue from slot machines for this purpose. The first base year for determining whether an increase has occurred would be July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. If revenues in the following year, July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, exceed revenues in the base year, a certain

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percentage of the excess must be dedicated to the veterans' cemeteries. This calculation would be made on an ongoing basis, with the previous year being used as the base year. Revenues transferred to the veterans' cemeteries pursuant to this provision would be capped at \$50,000 per cemetery per year.

LD 306 An Act To Reimburse Philip Wolley for Litigation Expenses Incurred in Connection with His Termination and Reinstatement as a State Employee **ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT**

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

This bill makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$28,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 to reimburse Philip Wolley for litigation expenses incurred in connection with his termination and subsequent reinstatement as a state employee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-163)

This amendment clarifies that the litigation expenses to be reimbursed are associated with Philip Wolley's defense against criminal charges, which were ultimately dismissed by the Attorney General.

Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

LD 310 An Act Regarding Indirect Lobbying **PUBLIC 282**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRINWARD SULLIVAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-208

The bill defines "grassroots lobbying." It provides that a person who already files monthly reports as a lobbyist must disclose grassroots lobbying payments and expenditures. For a person who does not file reports as a lobbyist, the bill requires disclosure of grassroots lobbying expenditures once more than \$2,000 has been spent on grassroots lobbying.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-208)

This amendment strikes the provision in the bill that would have required a person who is not already reporting as a lobbyist to submit a report to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices when that person has spent in excess of \$2,000 on grassroots lobbying. The amendment also changes the term "grassroots lobbying" to "indirect lobbying." It specifies that indirect lobbying is communication to members of the general public soliciting them to directly communicate with Legislators or members of the executive branch regarding a legislative action. Under this amendment reporting indirect lobbying expenditures would not be required until \$15,000 was spent on that activity during the month subject to the report. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 282 amends the law governing lobbying to specify that indirect lobbying is communication to members of the general public soliciting them to directly communicate with Legislators or members of the executive branch regarding a legislative action, not including a bill before the legislature as the result of a citizen initiative. Under this law, reporting on indirect lobbying expenditures would be required of

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lobbyists when \$15,000 or more was spent on that activity by a lobbyist or employer during the month subject to the report.

LD 311 An Act Concerning Late Rent Fee Charges in Residential Tenancies

ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT

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

This bill lowers the number of days from 15 to 7 before a fee can be charged for the late payment of rent.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-164)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes the number of days from 7 to 10 before a fee can be charged for the late payment of rent.

Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

LD 312 An Act To Require Campaign Finance Reports of Independent Expenditures To Contain a Copy of an Advertisement

ONTP

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

This bill amends the campaign finance laws to require that the report of independent expenditures contain a copy of the final draft of any mailer, postcard or advertisement or script of any broadcast or telephone call that is in opposition to a candidate.

LD 328 An Act To Require Economic Research Organizations To Report Financial Matters to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

ONTP

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

This bill requires economic research organizations to file quarterly financial reports with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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LD 329 An Act To Increase the Prize Limit on Beano ONTP

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

This bill increases the total prize limit for beano from \$1,400 to \$2,000 and requires the Chief of the State Police to include in rules adopted to govern beano a provision that allows for a drawing to determine a winner in the event of a tie.

LD 339 An Act To Promote Ethics in Campaign Fund Solicitation ONTP

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

This bill prohibits an executive branch officer in the unclassified service of the State from:

1. Knowingly giving or receiving a political contribution in exchange for voting a certain way;
2. Knowingly giving a political contribution to a superior of the officer;
3. Knowingly soliciting or receiving a political contribution from a subordinate of the officer or the subordinate's family; or
4. Knowingly soliciting or receiving a political contribution from or giving a political contribution to a person who has business with the officer, is regulated by the officer or has interests that may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the officer's official duties.

**LD 350 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine FINAL PASSAGE
Regarding Early Voting FAILED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL E	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-35

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 10-day period immediately preceding an election.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-35)

This amendment strikes the reference to polling places in the resolution and in the question to be posed to the voters.

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LD 368 An Act To Reimburse Debra Bilodeau for Her Expenses Incurred in Connection with Her Petition for Appointment as a Foster Parent

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT P	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-347

This bill makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$15,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 to reimburse Debra Bilodeau for her expenses incurred in connection with her petition for appointment as a foster parent.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-347)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 368 was enacted in the House, but placed on the Special Appropriations Table in the Senate. Since no further action was taken by the Senate, the bill died upon adjournment.

LD 371 An Act To Allow One Registration Fee for Multiple-town Poker Runs

ONTP

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

This bill allows for a combined license for organizations that coordinate to conduct a game of chance that requires participants to travel from one location to another in order to play the game, such as a poker run. The fee for such a license may not exceed \$25.

LD 374 An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Campaign Report Exemptions

PUBLIC 138

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-188

This bill amends the provision of law that allows exemptions for reporting on campaigns for office to provide that a notice from a candidate or the candidate's agent that the candidate will not personally accept contributions, make expenditures or incur obligations may be revoked at any time prior to the deadline for filing a candidate's first campaign finance report.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-188)

This amendment replaces the bill. It amends current law that allows for candidates for office to be exempt from submitting campaign finance reports if they raise or spend no money on campaigns so that this exemption applies only to county or municipal candidates.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 138 amends current law that allows for candidates for office to be exempt from submitting campaign finance reports if they raise or spend no money on campaigns so that this exemption applies only to county or municipal candidates.

LD 410 An Act To Improve Maine's Ethics Laws

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill prohibits Legislators from soliciting donations or contributions from lobbyists on behalf of the Legislator's employer.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-172)

This amendment replaces the bill. It limits the prohibition on Legislators' soliciting or accepting donations or contributions on behalf of their employers proposed in the bill to Legislators who are employed by nonprofit corporations.

LD 429 An Act To Increase Retail Sales of Wine

ONTP

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

This bill repeals the limitation that a wine tasting for an off-premise establishment may only be held once a calendar month.

LD 430 An Act To Allow the Licensing of Minibars in Hotel Rooms

PUBLIC 458

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	H-134 H-290 TRINWARD

Under this bill, a hotel owner that has or wants minibars in hotel rooms may, but is not required to, obtain a license for the minibars.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-134)

This amendment clarifies the definition of "minibar" and increases the license fee for a minibar from \$100 as

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proposed in the bill to \$200. The amendment also specifies that a person who rents a room that contains a minibar must present proper identification to show proof of age and that a minibar may only be stocked by an employee who is 21 years of age or older. This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-290)

This amendment requires the Department of Public Safety to implement the provisions of this Act using departmental personnel and resources.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 458 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to license hotels or similar establishments to sell alcoholic beverages from mini-bars in guest rooms. Rooms that contain mini-bars may only be rented to patrons who are at least 21 years of age and display proper identification at the time of rental.

LD 497 An Act To Conserve Energy in Residential Leasehold Tenancies

PUBLIC 139

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	OTP-AM	H-161

This bill allows a landlord and tenant to agree in a written lease for the landlord to provide heat at less than 68 degrees Fahrenheit to a minimum of 62 degrees Fahrenheit if the lease provides a reduction in rent or other consideration for the lower heat.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-161)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment allows a landlord and tenant to agree for the landlord to provide heat at less than 68 degrees Fahrenheit but no lower than 62 degrees Fahrenheit if the agreement is in a separate written document, includes a provision for revocation with reasonable notice by either party and provides for a fair and reasonable reduction in rent. The amendment clarifies that a landlord and tenant may not enter into such an agreement if someone older than 65 years of age or younger than 5 years of age resides on the premises.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 139 allows a landlord and tenant to agree for the landlord to provide heat at less than 68 degrees Fahrenheit but no lower than 62 degrees Fahrenheit if the agreement is in a separate written document, includes a provision for revocation with reasonable notice by either party and provides for a fair and reasonable reduction in rent. The law clarifies that a landlord and tenant may not enter into such an agreement if someone older than 65 years of age or younger than 5 years of age resides on the premises.

LD 498 An Act Regarding Alcoholic Beverage Tastings

PUBLIC 459

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE PLOWMAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-281 H-545 WEBSTER S-326 DIAMOND

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This bill proposes to allow limited taste testing of alcoholic beverages by holders of off-premises licenses, subject to approval and regulation by the Department of Public Safety. The bill allows a sales representative participating in a taste-testing event to provide written or oral educational materials and provide and distribute food at no cost to the consumer or licensee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-281)

This amendment provides that certain off-premise retail licensees may offer malt liquor for tasting in addition to wine and spirits. Tastings are limited to one type of alcohol and may be held up to 3 times per month but no more than 12 times per year. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

House Amendment "C" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-545)

This amendment requires that wine, spirits and malt liquor taste-tasting activities be conducted in a manner that will prevent observation by children. This amendment also requires that the Department of Public Safety report annually to the Legislature regarding the operation and effectiveness of this requirement.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-326)

This amendment strikes the appropriations and allocations section and directs the Department of Public Safety to implement the legislation within its existing resources.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 459 amends the current law regarding taste-testing of alcoholic beverages at off-premises retail establishments. In addition to the tasting wine, retailers may also offer malt-liquor and distilled spirits. The quantity of the product to be tasted is limited based on the type and proof of the alcohol. Tasting events must be set up as to preclude observation by children. As enacted, the number of annual tastings allowed by a retail establishment is 12 with no more than 3 in any one month.

LD 512 An Act to Facilitate Voting by Maine Residents in the Military Who Are Deployed Overseas **ONTP**

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

This bill changes the time when the Secretary of State must furnish a municipality with a reasonable number of absentee ballots and return envelopes from at least 30 days to at least 60 days before any election.

LD 514 An Act To Clarify Criminal Responsibility in the Sale of Alcohol and Tobacco to Minors **ONTP**

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

This bill amends the law to specify that only the person who furnishes tobacco or liquor to a minor is criminally responsible for the act.

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LD 526 An Act To Clarify the Beano and Bingo Laws as They Apply to Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

PUBLIC 347

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLEARY JACKSON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-442

This bill amends the laws dealing with high-stakes beano and high-stakes bingo by changing the limitation controlling where such games may be conducted from Indian Territory to reservation or trust lands.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-442)

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may conduct high-stakes beano on a particular parcel of land in Houlton. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 347 provides that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may conduct high-stakes beano on a particular parcel of land in Houlton.

LD 530 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Number of Signatures Required and Prohibit Payment for Signatures in the Citizen's Initiative Process

ONTP

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to reduce the number of required signatures on a direct initiative petition from 10% to 3% of the total vote cast in the previous gubernatorial election. In addition, this resolution prohibits circulators of direct initiative petitions from receiving payment or compensation for the collection of signatures.

LD 531 Resolve, To Allow Jenny Powell To Sue the State

ONTP

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

This resolve authorizes Jenny Powell to bring a civil action against the Department of Health and Human Services for damages in connection with actions taken by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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LD 532 An Act Regarding Liquor Licenses Issued to Incorporated Civic Organizations

PUBLIC 102

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA DIAMOND	OTP-AM	H-96

This bill allows an owner, employee or designated representative of a Maine farm winery to serve wine from the winery at an event at which an incorporated civic organization is licensed to serve or sell liquor.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-96)

This amendment replaces the bill and allows for alcoholic beverage manufacturers that have provided alcoholic beverages to be served at an event sponsored by an incorporated civic organization to assist the organization with serving patrons if a server working for the organization becomes unavailable.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 102 allows for alcoholic beverage manufacturers that have provided alcoholic beverages to be served at an event sponsored by an incorporated civic organization to assist the organization with serving patrons if a server working for the organization becomes unavailable.

LD 533 Resolve, Authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs To Report Out Legislation Regarding the Expansion of Slot Machine and Casino-style Gambling

RESOLVE 141

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATSON	OTP-AM	H-391

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to authorize the State to contract with an outside entity to establish a casino in Maine. Under the bill, the State would have control over all aspects of the development of the casino including the location, negotiating the specific terms of the agreement with the operator and the distribution of profits. The license to operate would be subject to a formal bid process in order to ensure the greatest return to the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. The amendment establishes a resolve directing the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy regarding the expansion of slot machine and casino-style gambling in the State.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009 chapter 141 directs the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive policy regarding the expansion of slot machine and casino-style gambling in the State and authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the second regular session of the 124th Legislature.

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LD 534 An Act To Require Disclosure to a Potential Signer That a Circulator of Petitions for a Direct Initiative or People's Veto of Legislation Is Being Paid **ONTP**

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

This bill requires that the circulators of petitions for a direct initiative or a people's veto disclose to each potential signer the fact that the circulator is being paid or compensated.

LD 547 An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Write-in Candidates for Elected Office To Increase Fairness **ONTP**

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

This bill amends the laws pertaining to write-in candidates. It strikes the requirement that a voter must include a write-in candidate's municipality of residence when marking a general election ballot. It also allows for the use of stickers in order to place the name of a write-in candidate on a ballot. Current law requires that a candidate file a declaration with the Secretary of State 3 business days prior to an election to be considered a declared write-in candidate. This bill changes that requirement to 45 days prior to an election. The bill also requires the Secretary of State to provide a list of write-in candidates with sample ballots provided to municipalities and to include a list of all candidates on the tally sheets provided to election clerks for listing election results. Finally, this bill directs the Secretary of State to amend the voter information portion of its website to include the names of all qualified candidates for Governor, the House of Representatives and the Senate, including write-in candidates.

LD 548 An Act To Provide Information to Maine Voters About the Cost and Fiscal Impact of Citizens' Initiatives **ONTP**

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

This bill requires the Secretary of State to request assistance from the Office of Fiscal and Program Review in determining whether a direct initiative will have a fiscal impact. If the Office of Fiscal and Program Review determines that the direct initiative has a cost other than the cost associated with conducting a referendum on the direct initiative, the person who submitted the direct initiative must indicate in a subsequent draft of the direct initiative submitted to the Secretary of State how the cost of the direct initiative will be paid. The bill also requires the Secretary of State to include information on the cost of the direct initiative and how that cost will be paid in the ballot question.

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LD 583 An Act Relating to Political Action Committees

ONTP

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

This bill defines "candidate political action committee." The bill also limits the amount a person may contribute to a candidate political action committee during a 2-year election cycle, limits the aggregate amount that a person may give to candidate political action committees during a 2-year election cycle, limits the aggregate amount that a political action committee may give to candidate political action committees during a 2-year election cycle and prohibits for-profit corporations from contributing to candidate political action committees.

**LD 584 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act To Equalize the
Qualifying Period for All Candidates and To Increase the Number of
Required Contributions for Candidates to the Legislature**

ONTP

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

This bill equalizes the qualifying period for unenrolled candidates and party candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act by requiring all participating candidates to qualify by April 15th of the election year. The bill also increases by 30% the number of qualifying contributions a Clean Election Act candidate for the State Senate or State House of Representatives must obtain.

**LD 607 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act as It Relates to
Independent Expenditures**

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill extends the rebuttable presumption period for independent expenditures for general election races that include a Maine Clean Election Act candidate from 35 days before election day to from Labor Day to election day.

LD 682 An Act Regarding Agency Liquor Stores

INDEF PP

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

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This bill removes the provision in current law that limits the number of agency liquor stores that may be licensed in a municipality. It also provides for additional criteria that an applicant must meet in order to receive an agency liquor store license after July 1, 2009.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-263)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment changes the current limitations on the number of agency liquor stores that may be licensed per municipality and increases how many may be licensed in some municipalities based on population. The maximum number of total agency liquor stores in any municipality would be 8. Applicants who are licensed under this new structure must be able to purchase \$10,000 worth of spirits initially with a bank check or other financial instrument that certifies that funds are available. This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 694 An Act To Allow Limited Partnerships between Brewers and Wholesalers

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

Under current law manufacturers of alcoholic beverages, also known as certificate of approval holders, are prohibited from having a financial interest in a wholesaler of alcoholic beverages. This bill allows manufacturers and wholesale licensees to form limited partnerships in which the manufacturer is the limited partner and the wholesaler is the general partner. The bill also provides a 10-year maximum term for any such limited partnership.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-152)

This amendment adds further restrictions on limited partnerships between certificate of approval holders and wholesale licensees to specify that a certificate of approval holder may not have managerial control over the day-to-day operations of the wholesale licensee. It further provides that a certificate of approval holder may extend financing to a wholesale licensee but in the event of a default the certificate of approval holder may not control or operate the wholesale licensee for more than 180 days.

LD 704 An Act To Allow Property Owners To Terminate Residential Leases That Do Not Contain Termination Language

ONTP

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

In *Rubin v. Josephson*, 478 A.2d 665 (Me. 1984), the Supreme Judicial Court held that, when a residential lease does not contain termination language, the landlord may not use the tenancy-at-will provisions of state law to terminate the lease. In response to that case, this bill allows a landlord, after providing notice and service, and with cause, to terminate a lease that does not contain termination, default or forfeiture language.

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LD 758 An Act To Allow Municipalities and Counties To Require Bartender Training for Liquor Licensees

PUBLIC 81

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARLOW	OTP-AM	H-53

This bill provides that the Department of Public Safety, bureau of liquor licensing and enforcement may consider whether or not an establishment provides server training as required by municipal officers or county commissioners when issuing or renewing a license for an establishment that sells alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that the Department of Public Safety, bureau of liquor licensing and enforcement may deny a license to serve alcohol to be served on the premises, if the individuals who will be serving alcoholic beverages have not received training through a program certified by the Department of Public Safety, bureau of liquor licensing and enforcement. This reason for denial would only apply if the county or municipality where the licensee has an establishment has adopted the requirement by local ordinance.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 81 provides that the Department of Public Safety, bureau of liquor licensing and enforcement may deny a license to serve alcohol to be served on the premises, if the individuals who will be serving alcoholic beverages have not received training through a program certified by the Department of Public Safety, bureau of liquor licensing and enforcement. This reason for denial would only apply if the county or municipality where the licensee has an establishment has adopted the requirement by local ordinance.

LD 771 An Act Regarding Raffles Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations

PUBLIC 115

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	S-81

This bill amends the provisions of law governing organizations eligible to conduct a raffle with a prize value between \$10,000 and \$75,000 to include nonprofit organizations that have had a presence in this State for at least 5 years and that have as a primary purpose educating the public and funding research to prevent and treat illnesses.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-81)

This amendment strikes the provisions of the bill, which amended the laws governing who is eligible for a raffle license and the limit on raffle licenses to be issued per year to a nonprofit organization. The amendment creates an exception to the current law that requires raffle tickets to be sold by actual members of the organization licensed to conduct the raffle. It provides that uncompensated volunteers may sell raffle tickets that offer a noncash prize as long as the names of the volunteers are provided to the Chief of the State Police within 10 days of issuance of the raffle license.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2009, chapter 115 creates an exception to the requirement that raffle tickets be sold by actual members of the organization licensed to conduct a raffle. It provides that uncompensated volunteers may sell raffle tickets that offer a noncash prize as long as the names of the volunteers are provided to the Chief of the State Police within 10 days of issuance of the raffle license.

LD 772 **An Act To Increase Eligibility Requirements under the Maine Clean Election Act** **ONTP**

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

This bill amends the Maine Clean Election Act by requiring:

1. A participating candidate who has previously run for office to have received at least 15% of the vote in the candidate's most recent campaign;
2. A participating candidate to raise the entire amount of seed money allowed in order to be certified as a participating candidate; and
3. A political communication paid for with Maine Clean Election Act funds that otherwise requires a disclosure to contain the words "Paid for with taxpayer funds under the Maine Clean Election Act."

LD 779 **An Act To Require Closed-captioning for Certain Political Advertisements** **PUBLIC 105**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ADAMS	OTP-AM	H-97

This bill requires television advertisements purchased with Maine Clean Election Act funds to be closed-captioned.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-97)

The amendment specifies that closed-captioning is required for political advertisements purchased with Maine Clean Election Act funds if closed-captioning is available from the broadcaster of the advertisements.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 105 requires closed-captioning for political advertisements purchased with Maine Clean Election Act funds if closed-captioning is available from the broadcaster of the advertisements.

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LD 780 An Act To Increase the Amount and Number of Qualifying Contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act ONTP

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

This bill increases the amount of a qualifying contribution required to participate in the Maine Clean Election Act from \$5 to \$10, increases the number of qualifying contributions a gubernatorial candidate must collect from 3,250 to 5,000 and increases the number of qualifying contributions a candidate for the State House of Representatives must collect from 50 to 75. Under this bill, the number of qualifying contributions a candidate for State Senate must collect remains at 150.

LD 781 An Act To Designate a Specialty State Lottery Ticket To Benefit Cancer Education and Awareness ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT

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

This bill creates a cancer education and awareness lottery ticket to support the Maine comprehensive cancer prevention and control program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-309)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 805 An Act To Change Current Limits on Commercial Harness Racing Tracks ONTP

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

This bill amends the laws governing commercial tracks and licensing for slot machines.

1. Current law requires that an applicant for a license to operate slot machines by a person licensed to operate a commercial track be located "at or within a 5-mile radius of the center of a commercial track" that conducted harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering on more than 25 days during calendar year 2002. This bill removes the 5-mile radius requirement but retains the specification that the commercial track operated by the applicant has conducted harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering during that period of time.

2. This bill removes language limiting the operation of slot machines to commercial tracks licensed by a referendum election held prior to December 31, 2003.

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3. The bill provides that, for slot machines located at commercial tracks initially licensed for slot machines after January 1, 2009, the revenue designated for distribution to the Fund for a Healthy Maine, the University of Maine Scholarship Fund, the Maine Community College System and the Fund to Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks would instead be deposited in the General Fund.
4. The bill increases from 1,500 to 3,000 the total number of slot machines allowed in the State.

LD 831 An Act To Enhance Fund-raising Opportunities by Certain Nonprofit Organizations

PUBLIC 386

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FITTS SHERMAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-389 H-450 FITTS

This bill provides that organizations may conduct games of chance without a license if they collect no more than \$15,000 in entry fees, chances or wagers in a calendar year. An unlicensed game of chance event is limited to \$10,000 in entry fees, chances or wagers. An organization conducting a game of chance without a license must still register its name and tax identification number and the time, date and location of the event with the Chief of the State Police. The registration fee is \$30.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-389)

This amendment replaces the bill. It creates an exception to the requirement that organizations be licensed in order to conduct games of chance. An organization that is otherwise eligible for a license and will not raise more than \$15,000 in a calendar year from the conduct of games of chance and not more than \$10,000 at any one event may conduct games by registering with the Chief of the State Police and is not required to get a license. If an organization exceeds the yearly or per-event revenue limit, that organization is required to apply for a license retroactively. Any organization that raised more than \$15,000 from licensed games of chance in the previous year is not eligible to register. Some requirements that apply to licensees would apply to registrants, including wager limits, age restrictions on those who conduct or play the games, prohibitions against schemes and the requirement to use licensed gaming printers and distributors. Other requirements regarding revenue and expenditure reporting and disposition of funds reports are also applicable to registrants. A registrant who violates the registration requirements is required to forfeit the revenue from those games conducted in violation and would be prohibited from using the registration privilege for 10 years.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-450)

This amendment clarifies that a registration to conduct games of chance without a license is valid per event and not for one year as indicated in Committee Amendment "A."

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 386 creates an exception to the requirement that organizations be licensed in order to conduct games of chance. An organization that is otherwise eligible for a license and will not raise more than \$15,000 in a calendar year from the conduct of games of chance and not more than \$10,000 at any one event may conduct games by registering with the Chief of the State Police and is not required to get a license. If an organization exceeds the yearly or per-event revenue limit, that organization is required to apply for a license retroactively. Any organization that raised more than \$15,000 from licensed games of chance in the previous year is not eligible to register. A registration is required per event for a fee of \$30. Some requirements that apply to licensees would apply to registrants, including wager limits, age restrictions on those who conduct or play the games, prohibitions against schemes and the requirement to use licensed gaming printers and distributors. Other

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requirements regarding revenue and expenditure reporting and disposition of funds reports are also applicable to registrants. A registrant who violates the registration requirements is required to forfeit the revenue from those games conducted in violation and would be prohibited from using the registration privilege for 10 years.

LD 832 An Act To Require Lobbyists To Wear Name Tags

PUBLIC 137

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-189

This bill amends the law governing lobbyist disclosure by:

1. Requiring the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to publish an online photographic guide to lobbyists and lobbyist associates organized by legislative committee and requiring that lobbyists submit photographs unless the lobbyists or lobbyist associates have waivers from the commission; and
2. Restoring language that was removed in Public Law 2007, chapter 630 that requires every registered lobbyist to file in a monthly report the amount of compensation received for and the amount of expenditures made or incurred with regard to the preparation of documents and research for the primary purpose of influencing legislative action.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-189)

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. The amendment requires that a lobbyist wear a name tag when engaged in the act of lobbying.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 137 requires that a lobbyist wear a name tag when engaged in the act of lobbying.

LD 833 An Act To Distribute Funds Received from the Racino in Bangor to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse

Carried Over

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

This bill redirects 3% of revenues from slot machines that currently go to the Gambling Control Board to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse for use in the treatment of addiction. This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P 1053.

LD 834 An Act To Provide for 2 Veteran Service Officer Positions

INDEF PP

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

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This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$172,000 for fiscal year 2009-10 and \$165,000 for fiscal year 2010-11 for 2 Veteran Service Officer positions and related travel and administrative costs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-444)

This amendment provides a General Fund appropriation of \$86,000 for fiscal year 2009-10 and \$82,500 for fiscal year 2010-11 for one Veteran Service Officer position and related travel and administrative costs. Funding for a Veteran Service Officer position was incorporated into the biennial budget as part of LD 353.

LD 835 An Act To Amend the Forcible Entry and Detainer Laws

PUBLIC 171

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLEARY	OTP-AM	H-162

This bill allows a landlord in a forcible entry and detainer matter to amend orally or in writing a 7-day notice of termination of tenancy to a tenant and allows a landlord to combine a 7-day notice and a 30-day notice of termination of tenancy in one notice. This bill also requires a tenant to answer a forcible entry and detainer complaint in writing if the tenant wants a hearing on the matter.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-162)

This amendment allows a landlord in a forcible entry and detainer matter to combine a 7-day notice and a 30-day notice of termination of tenancy in one notice. The amendment also provides that the notice may not be held invalid as a result of minor clerical errors. This amendment also reformats and makes other minor changes in current language.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 171 allows a landlord in a forcible entry and detainer matter to combine a 7-day notice and a 30-day notice of termination of tenancy in one notice. The law also provides that the notice may not be held invalid as a result of minor clerical errors.

LD 870 An Act To Improve Transportation for Veterans

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO ROSEN R	OTP-AM	H-342

This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$15,000 per year to support the operating costs of the disabled American veterans' transportation network, which provides round-trip transportation services to Veterans' Administration medical facilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-342)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note. Funding to assist transportation of veterans for the purposes of medical care was included in the biennial budget, LD 353.

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LD 887 An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for Independent Expenditures for Political Campaigns

ONTP

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

This bill amends the campaign finance laws to require that the report of independent expenditures include copies of mail pieces and print media.

LD 899 An Act To Require Candidates for Public Office To Provide Proof of Citizenship

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)

This amendment removes reference to a birth certificate and driver's license as proof of United States citizenship. The amendment adds an official document issued by the Federal Government that proves United States citizenship as something to be presented to the Secretary of State by candidates for office in the State.

LD 900 An Act To Prohibit Payments to Persons Who Collect Signatures for the Direct Initiative or People's Veto of Legislation

ONTP

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

This bill provides that a person may not pay or offer to pay a circulator of an initiative or a referendum petition for circulating an initiative or a referendum petition. A circulator of an initiative or a referendum petition may not receive payment for circulating an initiative or a referendum petition.

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LD 901 An Act To Restrict the Size of Political Signs on Vehicles

ONTP

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

This bill restricts the size of political signs on privately owned moving vehicles and on nonmoving vehicles to a maximum of 25 square feet between 6 weeks prior to and one week after an election, primary or referendum.

LD 902 An Act To Provide the Right of First Refusal to Mobile Home Park Residents

LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

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

This bill provides the tenants of a mobile home park that have incorporated as a cooperative affordable housing corporation with the right of first refusal to purchase the mobile home park from the owner within 45 days as long as it meets the same price, terms and conditions of any offer that the owner intends to accept to buy the park.

LD 903 An Act To Allow an Election Clerk To Request Proof of Identity from a Voter

ONTP

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

This bill requires a voter to produce proof of identity if requested by an election clerk before receiving a ballot to vote. If the voter does not produce proof of identity, then the clerk may designate the voter's ballot as a challenged ballot.

LD 904 An Act To Permit Brew Pubs To Sell Half-gallon Containers of Malt Liquor

PUBLIC 167

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SMITH N PLOWMAN	OTP-AM	H-181

This bill allows a small brewery that holds an on-premises liquor license to be able to sell, on the premises during business hours, malt liquor produced at the brewery in half-gallon containers to be consumed off the premises.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-181)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment permits breweries that have a license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption to sell malt liquor produced at the brewery to patrons for off-premises consumption. The amendment places conditions on such sales, including the requirement that the malt liquor be dispensed into bottles unique to the brewery and that are closed with a tamper-evident seal. Such bottles are not permitted to be consumed on the premises, must be accompanied by a sales receipt and may not be sold after 10:00 PM.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 167 permits breweries that have a license to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption to sell malt liquor produced at the brewery to patrons for off-premises consumption. It places conditions on such sales, including the requirement that the malt liquor be dispensed into bottles unique to the brewery and that are closed with a tamper-evident seal. Such bottles are not permitted to be consumed on the premises, must be accompanied by a sales receipt and may not be sold after 10:00 PM.

LD 921 An Act To Eliminate Maine Clean Election Act Funding for Gubernatorial Candidates

**DIED IN
CONCURRENCE**

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

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

LD 923 Resolve, To Reduce Funding to Maine Clean Election Act Candidates

RESOLVE 128

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-533 TRINWARD S-287

This resolve provides that the amount distributed to certified candidates by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Clean Election Act during the 2010 election cycle must be 20% less than the amount distributed to certified candidates by the commission during the 2008 election cycle.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-287)

This amendment removes the requirement that Maine Clean Election Act distributions for 2010 be reduced by 20% and provides that 2010 distributions for certified legislative candidates be equal to the amounts distributed in 2008. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-533)

This amendment provides that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall make distributions to legislative candidates certified as participating candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act at 2008 levels and to gubernatorial candidates in accordance with the distributions provided by the Maine Revised

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Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 14. The amendment also directs the commission to establish rules to implement a provision of the Maine Clean Election Act that permits certified candidates to accept contributions if the Maine Clean Election Fund is insufficient to make distributions. These rules are routine technical rules and are required to be posted on the commission's publicly accessible website. The amendment also requires the commission to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs on how the distributions provided by Title 21-A, chapter 14 are to be made.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 128 requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to make distributions to legislative candidates certified as participating candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act at 2008 levels and to gubernatorial candidates in accordance with the distributions provided by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 14. The amendment also directs the commission to establish rules to implement a provision of the Maine Clean Election Act that permits certified candidates to accept contributions if the Maine Clean Election Fund is insufficient to make distributions. These rules are routine technical rules and are required to be posted on the commission's publicly accessible website. The amendment also requires the commission to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs on how the distributions provided by Title 21-A, chapter 14 are to be made.

**LD 924 An Act To Clarify the Taxability of Promotional Credits in the State
Gaming Laws**

**PUBLIC 266
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY J	OTP-AM	S-205

This bill amends the Gambling Control Board laws to clarify that use of promotional credits awarded through a promotional program offered by a slot machine operator and approved by the Gambling Control Board are not included in the calculation of gross slot machine income and net slot machine income.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-205)

This amendment clarifies that promotional credits are not used in calculating payback percentage and that the winnings from promotional credits used to continue play of slot machines are considered gross slot machine income. It also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 266 defines promotional credit and clarifies that promotional credits are not used in calculating payback percentage and that the winnings from promotional credits used to continue play of slot machines are considered gross slot machine income. This bill was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 3, 2009.

LD 943 An Act To Reduce Lung Cancer Rates in Maine

PUBLIC 278

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J R PERRY J	OTP-AM	H-365

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This bill requires a landlord or lessor of a residential building to test the residential building for radon every 5 years. If an unhealthy level of radon is detected, the landlord or lessor must notify the residents by posting a sign on the exterior entry doors of the residential building and sending certified letters to every unit and must mitigate the radon gas until it is reduced to a level not hazardous to human health. A violation is subject to a fine of up to \$500.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-365)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires a landlord or other lessor of a residential building to test the residential building for radon by 2012 and every 10 years thereafter. The bill would have required testing every 5 years. The amendment clarifies that the testing and mitigation, if necessary, must be performed by a person registered with the Department of Health and Human Services. If a level of radon at 4.0 picocuries per liter of air or above is detected, the amendment also requires landlords to mitigate the radon until it is reduced to a level below 4.0 picocuries per liter of air. The mitigation must occur within 6 months or, if any local permits are required prior to mitigation, within 6 months of obtaining the necessary permits. The bill would have required mitigation immediately and did not include a specific radon level to trigger the mitigation requirement. The amendment reduces the financial penalty for a violation from \$500 to \$250. The amendment also requires persons registered with the department to include the street address of the property and any additional data required when reporting the provision of mitigation services under current law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 278 requires a landlord or other lessor of a residential building to test the residential building for radon by 2012 and every 10 years thereafter. The law requires that the testing and mitigation, if necessary, must be performed by a person registered with the Department of Health and Human Services. If a level of radon at 4.0 picocuries per liter of air or above is detected, the law requires landlords to mitigate the radon until it is reduced to a level below 4.0 picocuries per liter of air. The mitigation must occur within 6 months or, if any local permits are required prior to mitigation, within 6 months of obtaining the necessary permits. When providing mitigation services, persons registered with the department must include the street address of the property and any additional data required to be reported to the Department of Health and Human Services. The financial penalty for a violation of the law is \$250.

LD 948 An Act To Reduce the Cost of the Maine Clean Election Act

ONTP

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

This bill amends the Maine Clean Election Act by:

1. Changing the amount allowed for a qualifying contribution from \$5 to from \$5 to \$10;
2. Requiring a minimum amount of qualifying contributions of \$32,500 for a candidate for Governor, \$1,500 for a candidate for State Senate and \$500 for a candidate for State House of Representatives; and
3. Allowing a participating candidate to raise between September 1st and October 15th of the election year \$2,000 for a candidate for State Senate and \$1,000 for a candidate for State House of Representatives in amounts up to \$50 per donor who are registered voters of the candidate's district.

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LD 949 An Act To Reduce the Number of Qualifying Contributions Required for Special Elections under the Maine Clean Election Act

ONTP

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

This bill reduces the amount of qualifying contributions required under the Maine Clean Election Act for special election candidates for the State Senate and the State House of Representatives to 75 contributions from registered voters for the Senate candidate and 25 contributions from registered voters for the House of Representatives candidate.

LD 971 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Liquor Liability and Licensing

PUBLIC 247

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY	OTP-AM	H-325

This bill amends the laws governing liquor liability and licensing.

1. It requires that a licensee that holds a license for the sale of liquor to be consumed on the premises where sold to maintain liability insurance of no less than \$400,000;
2. It repeals the limitation on awards for damages under the Maine Liquor Liability Act;
3. It repeals the written notice requirement to defendants under the Maine Liquor Liability Act; and
4. It extends from 2 to 6 years the statute of limitations for bringing an action under the Maine Liquor Liability Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-325)

This amendment replaces the bill. It increases the limitation on damages permitted under the Maine Liquor Liability Act from \$250,000 to \$350,000.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 247 increases the limitation on damages permitted under the Maine Liquor Liability Act from \$250,000 to \$350,000.

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LD 978 Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Develop Recommendations for Ethical Standards for the Executive Branch

RESOLVE 88

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-173

This bill expands the statutory duties of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to include jurisdiction over the executive branch of government.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-173)

This amendment replaces the bill and establishes a resolve that directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to examine existing ethical standards governing the executive branch and make advisory recommendations for the establishment of statutory ethical standards for the executive branch.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 88 directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to examine existing ethical standards governing the executive branch and make advisory recommendations for the establishment of statutory ethical standards for the executive branch.

LD 982 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Legislative Ethics

PUBLIC 208

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

This bill clarifies that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices may submit to the Legislature legislative proposals by commission members and staff in addition to legislative proposals based on suggestions from outside sources, as permitted in current law. The bill also defines "domestic partner" in the legislative ethics laws for purposes of conflicts of interest and annual reporting of sources of Legislators' income.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 208 provides that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices may submit to the Legislature legislative proposals by commission members and staff in addition to legislative proposals based on suggestions from outside sources, as permitted in current law. The bill also defines "domestic partner" in the legislative ethics laws for purposes of conflicts of interest and annual reporting of sources of Legislators' income.

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LD 983 An Act To Reduce the Risk of Hypothermia in Residential Rental Units

**LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW**

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

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the risk of serious illness caused by exposure to cold conditions by clarifying the obligation to provide heat to residential rental units. Current law provides that it is a breach of the implied warranty of fitness for human habitation when a dwelling unit's heating facilities are not capable of maintaining a minimum temperature of at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit. This bill provides instead that it is a breach of the implied warranty when the dwelling unit's heating facilities do not maintain that minimum temperature.

LD 989 An Act To Allow for a Dual Liquor License

PUBLIC 438

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-425 H-542 VALENTINO

This bill allows an establishment licensed to sell beer or wine for consumption off premises to also have a license for on-premises consumption of beer and wine as long as the beer or wine is served to accompany a meal.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-425)

Current law prohibits retail stores licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises from allowing patrons to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises. This amendment establishes a dual liquor license for retail establishments that sell beer and wine to be consumed off the premises. The dual liquor license will allow certain off-premises licensees to serve beer and wine to be consumed on the premises. The licensee would be required to stock at least \$35,000 in beer and wine, provide table seating for at least 16 persons, have a full kitchen that prepares meals and has staff dedicated to accommodating customers purchasing items to be taken away from the store. Beer or wine could be served only when accompanied by a meal. A dual liquor license with a \$600 annual fee would be issued in addition to the off-premises license. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-542)

This amendment requires an establishment that has a dual liquor license to have 2 restrooms for patrons and requires that employees who sell or serve wine be at least 21 years of age. It also changes the committee amendment so that only wine may be served for on-premises consumption.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 438 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to issue a dual liquor license that would allow certain establishments licensed to sell wine for off-premises consumption to sell wine to be consumed on the premises. In order to qualify for a dual liquor license, the off-premise licensee must stock at least \$35,000 worth of wine, have a full kitchen to serve hot and cold meals, offer table-seating for at least 16, have 2 restrooms and must

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obtain municipal approval for a dual license. The holder of a dual liquor license must have at least 2 employees who are 21 years of age or older, one dedicated to off-premises sales and the other dedicated to on-premises service of wine. Wine served for on-premises consumption must accompany a meal and must be dispensed from a separate stock and can not be self-served by the customer. A dual liquor licensee may not serve wine for on-premises consumption later than 8:00 PM.

LD 990 An Act To Increase the Preservation Time for Municipal Campaign Finance Reports **ONTP**

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

This bill requires that a municipality with a population of 15,000 or more must retain campaign reports filed by candidates in municipal elections in that municipality for a period of not less than 12 years.

LD 1008 An Act To Increase Consumer Choice for Wine **PUBLIC 373**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
INNES	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-366 H-526 INNES

This bill establishes a license to allow for the direct shipment of wine. The license allows certain in-state and out-of-state wineries to ship up to 12 cases of wine annually to recipients who are 21 years of age or older. The direct shipper or 3rd-party carrier contracted by the shipper must be shown proof of age in order to make a delivery. Wine shipments must be conspicuously labeled that they contain alcohol and may be delivered only to a person 21 years of age or older. The bill requires that a direct shipper is required to pay all applicable taxes, including excise and premium taxes on wine. The bill establishes reporting requirements for direct shippers and lists specific penalties for specific violations of laws governing the direct shipment of wine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-366)

This amendment strikes the provision in the bill that allows a farm winery to ship wine under its farm winery license and instead requires a farm winery to obtain a wine direct shipper license. The amendment increases the application and license fee from \$100 to \$200. The amendment clarifies that the wine shipment must be made to the person that is listed on the shipment invoice and that photo identification is required to verify the correct recipient and that the recipient is at least 21 years of age. It also requires a common carrier that ships wine to show proof of receipt by the purchaser by requiring a signed acknowledgement of the shipment. The amendment specifies that wine coolers are not permitted to be shipped under a wine direct shipper license. The amendment provides for greater detail in the reports submitted by direct shippers and provides that direct shippers are subject to the jurisdiction of the State for the purpose of enforcing direct shipment laws. The amendment strikes a provision that makes direct shipment without a license a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act. It specifies that any person who knowingly causes a direct shipment to occur or receives a direct shipment when made without a license may be fined up to \$500 for a first offense and up to \$1,000 for each subsequent offense. It also provides for up to a \$5,000 fine for any direct shipper or common carrier who delivers to any person not 21 years of age or older. The amendment provides that wine shipped under a wine direct shipper license is not subject to the bottle deposit laws. The amendment requires the Department of Public Safety to administer the direct shipment of wine provisions within budgeted

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resources.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-526)

This amendment changes the requirements for delivery as proposed in Committee Amendment "A" in the following ways:

1. It removes the requirement that the common carrier be approved by the bureau in the Department of Public Safety responsible for enforcing the liquor laws;
2. It requires the shipment to be accompanied by a shipping label, instead of an invoice, that indicates the name of the shipper and the name and address of the recipient; and
3. It requires the common carrier to obtain the signature of a person who is at least 21 years of age, and photographic identification, prior to delivering the shipment. The committee amendment allowed the shipment to be delivered only to the recipient.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 373 creates a direct shipper license to facilitate the shipment of wine into and out of the state directly to consumers. The law authorizes the Department of Public Safety to issue a direct shipper license to a farm winery in the state or other winery holding a federal basic wine permit. A direct shipper may only ship wine that they produce in accordance with their federal permit. All shipments must be clearly labeled that they contain alcohol and that they require the signature of a person at least 21 years of age. Shipments must be made by a common carrier that is required to ship only to the address listed on the invoice and must request photo identification to verify that the recipient of the delivery is at least 21 years of age. A direct shipper is permitted to ship up to 12 cases of wine per recipient address in a calendar year. A direct shipper must file detailed reports and submit required sales, premium and excise taxes. A direct shipper or common carrier that knowingly ships to someone under 21 years of age is subject to a fine up to \$5,000. Bottles shipped in accordance with a direct shipper license are not subject to the beverage container law.

LD 1016 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Campaign Finance Reports and the Maine Clean Election Act

PUBLIC 190

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP-AM

S-136

Part A makes changes affecting campaign finance reports in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 13. Specifically, Part A:

1. Clarifies that campaign finance reporting regarding ballot questions in towns and cities with a population of 15,000 or more is not governed by chapter 13, subchapter 2;
2. Removes the requirement that candidates must include their address in communications to voters such as signs and literature;
3. Eliminates a provision regulating candidates' use of endorsements, because the provision was invalidated by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court as unconstitutional;
4. Adjusts the filing deadline for campaign finance reports due on the 42nd day before a general election for legislative and county candidates so that the reports are due at 11:59 p.m. and clarifies that the reporting deadline

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does not apply to municipal candidates;

5. Removes the requirement that a traditionally financed candidate who has received or spent more than the initial payment received by a Maine Clean Election Act opponent must file an accelerated campaign finance report on the 42nd day before an election, because all legislative candidates must file a full, itemized report by that deadline;

6. Clarifies that the committees of political parties must report expenditures made to support or to oppose candidates;

7. Adjusts the end dates of 2 quarterly campaign finance reports filed by party committees to December 31st and June 30th so that the dates coincide with the end of quarters of the calendar year;

8. Clarifies that municipal and county party committees are not required to file campaign finance reports on the 11th day before a primary election;

9. Specifies that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices may partially reduce late filing penalties from statutorily prescribed preliminary amounts if the commission finds that the preliminary amounts are disproportionately high;

10. Permits the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to waive penalties against candidates for late financial reporting caused by interruptions in Internet service;

11. Imposes a maximum penalty of \$5,000 for the late filing of the candidate campaign finance report due on the 42nd day before the general election;

12. Amends the definition of "political action committee" to include organizations receiving contributions above certain thresholds for the purpose of influencing elections;

13. Clarifies the reporting procedures for political action committees that are raising and spending money to influence municipal elections;

14. Requires political action committees organized outside the State that are raising or spending money to influence Maine elections to file financial reports on forms prescribed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices similar to in-state committees;

15. Clarifies that ballot question committees must file financial reports and keep financial records in the same manner as political action committees;

16. Clarifies that political action committees must keep records of their campaign finances for 4 years after the election to which the records pertain;

17. Adjusts the end dates of 2 quarterly campaign finance reports filed by political action committees to December 31st and June 30th so that the dates coincide with the end of quarters of the calendar year;

18. Clarifies that political action committees must report expenditures made to support or to oppose candidates;

19. Requires political action committees to dispose of any surplus money before terminating, and clarifies the procedures for terminating a committee; and

20. Imposes a single maximum of \$10,000 for all late filing penalties assessed against political action committees or ballot question committees.

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Part B makes changes affecting the Maine Clean Election Act in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 14. Specifically, Part B:

1. Clarifies that candidates who have committed substantial violations of the Maine Clean Election Act or the campaign finance law are ineligible to receive public campaign funding under the Maine Clean Election Act; and
2. Adjusts the quadrennial deadline for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to publish a study report concerning the Maine Clean Election Act so that the report is due on the March 15th after a gubernatorial election.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-136)

This amendment restores the requirement for a participating candidate for the Legislature who has filed a "trigger report" to file an accelerated report 42 days before a primary election. This requirement is only for the primary election. As in the bill, an accelerated report is not required 42 days before the general election. The amendment would also clarify that the voters of this State may make \$5 qualifying contributions over the Internet according to the procedures established by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 190 makes changes affecting campaign finance reports in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 13. Specifically, the law:

1. Clarifies that campaign finance reporting regarding ballot questions in towns and cities with a population of 15,000 or more is not governed by chapter 13, subchapter 2;
2. Removes the requirement that candidates must include their address in communications to voters such as signs and literature;
3. Eliminates a provision regulating candidates' use of endorsements, because the provision was invalidated by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court as unconstitutional;
4. Adjusts the filing deadline for campaign finance reports due on the 42nd day before a general election for legislative and county candidates so that the reports are due at 11:59 p.m. and clarifies that the reporting deadline does not apply to municipal candidates;
5. Clarifies that the committees of political parties must report expenditures made to support or to oppose candidates;
6. Adjusts the end dates of 2 quarterly campaign finance reports filed by party committees to December 31st and June 30th so that the dates coincide with the end of quarters of the calendar year;
7. Clarifies that municipal and county party committees are not required to file campaign finance reports on the 11th day before a primary election;
8. Specifies that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices may partially reduce late filing penalties from statutorily prescribed preliminary amounts if the commission finds that the preliminary amounts are disproportionately high;
9. Permits the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to waive penalties against candidates for late financial reporting caused by interruptions in Internet service;
10. Imposes a maximum penalty of \$5,000 for the late filing of the candidate campaign finance report due on the 42nd day before the general election;

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11. Amends the definition of "political action committee" to include organizations receiving contributions above certain thresholds for the purpose of influencing elections;
12. Clarifies the reporting procedures for political action committees that are raising and spending money to influence municipal elections;
13. Requires political action committees organized outside the State that are raising or spending money to influence Maine elections to file financial reports on forms prescribed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices similar to in-state committees;
14. Specifies that ballot question committees must file financial reports and keep financial records in the same manner as political action committees;
15. Clarifies that political action committees must keep records of their campaign finances for 4 years after the election to which the records pertain;
16. Adjusts the end dates of 2 quarterly campaign finance reports filed by political action committees to December 31st and June 30th so that the dates coincide with the end of quarters of the calendar year;
17. Clarifies that political action committees must report expenditures made to support or to oppose candidates;
18. Requires political action committees to dispose of any surplus money before terminating, and clarifies the procedures for terminating a committee; and
19. Imposes a single maximum of \$10,000 for all late filing penalties assessed against political action committees or ballot question committees.

Chapter 190 also makes changes affecting the Maine Clean Election Act in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 14. This portion of chapter 190:

1. Clarifies that candidates who have committed substantial violations of the Maine Clean Election Act or the campaign finance law are ineligible to receive public campaign funding under the Maine Clean Election Act;
2. Adjusts the quadrennial deadline for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to publish a study report concerning the Maine Clean Election Act so that the report is due on the March 15th after a gubernatorial election; and
3. Clarifies that the voters of this State may make \$5 qualifying contributions over the Internet according to the procedures established by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

LD 1025 An Act To Allow Choice of Wine by Maine Consumers

ONTP

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

This bill establishes a wine connoisseur permit. This permit provides that a person may order a total of 12 9-liter cases of wine per year shipped from a specialty wine permit holder by way of a common carrier. The fee for a wine connoisseur permit is \$75 per year.

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This bill also grants routine technical rule-making authority to the Department of Public Safety's division of liquor licensing and compliance to ensure that bottles of wine received under a wine connoisseur permit comply with the bottle deposit law.

The bill also establishes a specialty wine permit. The permit provides that a person who ferments, ages and bottles that person's own wine may ship up to 50 9-liter cases of wine annually to wine connoisseur permit holders. The annual fee for a specialty wine permit is \$100. The bill also grants routine technical rule-making authority to the division to ensure that specialty wine permit holders sell and deliver the wine only to qualified wine connoisseur permit holders and directs the division to include annual reporting guidelines in the rules.

The bill allows a farm winery license holder to sell wine outside of the State as long as the farm winery complies with the laws of the jurisdiction where the wine is delivered.

The bill requires that, except for purchase by licensees, all purchases of liquor must be made in person.

LD 1041 An Act To Alter the Mechanism by which a Political Party is a Qualified Party

PUBLIC 426

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

This bill eliminates the requirement that for a political party to participate in a primary election it must poll at least 5% of the total vote cast for Governor or President in either of the last 2 general elections and adds a new requirement that at least 10,000 members of the party must have voted in the last general election in order for the party to participate in a primary election.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 426 eliminates the requirement that for a political party to participate in a primary election it must poll at least 5% of the total vote cast for Governor or President in either of the last 2 general elections and adds a new requirement that at least 10,000 members of the party must have voted in the last general election in order for the party to participate in a primary election.

LD 1065 An Act To Change the Campaign Finance Laws Pertaining to Campaign Contributions To Allow for Increases Indexed to Inflation

LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

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

This bill raises the gubernatorial campaign contribution limit from \$500 to \$1,000 for any election. It also raises the campaign contribution limit for all other candidates from \$250 to \$350 for any election. This bill also allows a candidate to raise money for a primary and a general election at the same time as long as the contribution is distributed into 2 separate accounts and that the total contribution does not exceed the total contribution limit of \$2,000 for a gubernatorial candidate, not to exceed \$1,000 for the primary election and \$1,000 for the general election, or \$700 for any other candidate, not to exceed \$350 for the primary election and \$350 for the general

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election. The bill also ties the contribution limits to the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics every 2 years, with the calculations beginning in September 2011. An adjustment will be made based on the difference between the Consumer Price Index on the date of calculation and the Consumer Price Index on the date of the base period, September 1, 2009. If this adjustment does not create an amount that is a multiple of \$25, it will be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$25. The bill also authorizes the commission to submit legislation to adjust the contribution limits to reflect the indexing.

LD 1074 An Act To Promote Responsible Sales of Alcoholic Beverages

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill requires that any person who sells or serves alcoholic beverages to any person must verify that person's age through photo identification. It also requires that licensees post a sign regarding that requirement in a prominent location visible to patrons of the establishment. The bill requires any person hired by a licensee who will sell or serve alcoholic beverages to successfully complete seller server training within 30 days of employment. The bill adds to the approval criteria for training courses that refresher courses be available and that training be available online. Finally, this bill requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to recommend graduated penalties for failure to comply with the identification requirement proposed in this bill.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-266)

This amendment removes the requirement that licensees who sell or serve alcoholic beverages get mandatory training. It also changes from 27 to 35 years of age the maximum age of a person who may be required to present identification to purchase alcoholic beverages.

LD 1080 Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Study Landlord and Tenant Issues

RESOLVE 137

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-489 S-319 BARTLETT

Committee Amendment "A" (H-489)

This amendment replaces the resolve and changes the title. The amendment directs the Attorney General to convene a working group to study certain issues related to the laws governing landlords and tenants rather than establishing a blue ribbon commission with Legislators as proposed in the bill. The amendment requires the Attorney General to notify members of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs of working group meetings and provide copies of minutes of meetings. The amendment requires the working group to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs by January 15, 2010. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

House Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-546)

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This amendment removes the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee from the working group to study issues related to landlords and tenants.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" was adopted in the House, but indefinitely postponed in the Senate. The substantive provisions in House Amendment "B" were incorporated into Senate Amendment "A".

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-544)

This amendment removes the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee from the working group to study issues related to landlords and tenants.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-319)

Like House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-546), this amendment removes the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee from the working group to study issues related to landlords and tenants. This amendment also strikes the provision of staffing assistance being provided by the Legislative Council.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 137 directs the Executive Director of the Maine State Housing Authority to convene a working group to study certain issues related to the laws governing landlords and tenants. The resolve requires the working group to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs by January 15, 2010.

LD 1081 An Act To Clarify the Laws on Licensing for Charitable and Fraternal Organizations and Games of Chance ONTP

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

This bill allows nonprofit organizations to conduct games of chance without a license.

LD 1110 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services To Report on Homeless Veterans RESOLVE 72

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CORNELL DU HOUX SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	H-265

This resolve establishes a study commission to review and examine, in consultation with a representative of the Veterans Administration, the issue of homeless veterans, who are reported to constitute at least 1/3 of the nation's homeless population, and to examine causes, possible solutions and what further assistance can be given to homeless veterans in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-265)

This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to work with existing groups to examine the issue of homeless veterans and

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recommend possible solutions and ways to assist veterans who are homeless.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 72 directs the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to work with existing groups to examine the issue of homeless veterans and recommend possible solutions and ways to assist veterans who are homeless.

LD 1111 An Act To Promote Transparency and Accountability in Campaigns and Governmental Ethics

PUBLIC 258

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRINWARD SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	H-282

This bill concerns transparency and accountability in campaigns and legislative ethics. The bill amends the definition of "gift." The bill changes the provisions regarding conflict of interest and undue influence. It makes the legislative standard for conflict of interest clearer and requires that Legislators be financially affected to a significantly greater extent than members in the same enterprise, profession, trade, business or type of employment in order to have a conflict of interest. It requires lobbyists to submit a digital picture and a list of the committees they will be lobbying and the publishing of a lobbyist listing so that Legislators will have a better sense of who the lobbyist they interact with represents. It changes the definition of "close economic associate." It prohibits candidates and their spouses from serving as campaign treasurers and deputy treasurers. It establishes a contribution limit to political action committees of \$10,000 from any one source per election cycle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-282)

This amendment replaces the bill. Like the bill, this amendment makes changes to the type of conduct that would be considered undue influence, which is a violation of legislative ethics, by a Legislator. In addition, this amendment clarifies the definition of "gift" for the purposes of governing legislative ethics.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 258 amends the definition of gift with regard to disclosures required by legislators and amends the laws that govern violations of legislative ethics to clarify what constitutes undue influence.

LD 1112 An Act To Establish a Recall Procedure for Elected Officials

ONTP

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

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

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LD 1168 An Act To Allow the Taste Testing of Malt Liquor and Spirits

ONTP

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

This bill allows taste testing of distilled spirits in agency liquor stores and malt liquor in retail stores with off-premises licenses in the same manner and under the same conditions as wine taste testings are currently conducted.

LD 1169 An Act To Amend the Election Laws

PUBLIC 253

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRINWARD	OTP-AM	H-311

This bill adds to the definition of "immediate family" and provides a definition for the "public counter" mechanism on a voting device. The bill establishes a retention period for direct initiative of legislation and people's veto petitions. The bill also clarifies the registrar's consideration of residency factors in determining the voting residence of an applicant and provides factors for the registrar to consider in verifying the identity of a voter. The bill expands the "fail safe" provision for a voter who moves to a new state before a presidential election from 30 days to 60 days before the election. The bill also provides that United States citizens who have never lived in the United States may register to vote at the Maine voting residence claimed by either of the person's parents. The bill increases the voter registration period before a presidential year municipal caucus from at least 30 minutes to at least one hour. The bill requires that decisions made by the authority hearing an appeal from a voter registration decision must be issued to the voter in writing. The bill authorizes the Secretary of State to determine the form of the registrar's enrollment certification on candidate petitions. It also clarifies that petition circulators must take oath that they "personally witnessed" all the signatures to the petition, rather than simply swearing that the signatures were made in the circulator's presence. The bill removes the requirement that a candidate's residence must be listed on the ballot. The bill changes the requirements for the number of copies of postings at the voting place from 2 to one and adds a new requirement for posting the list of declared write-in candidates next to the sample ballot. The bill amends the requirements for casting a write-in vote and clarifies the requirements for when a write-in vote may be counted. The bill further specifies the procedures for the counting of ballots by the election clerks. The bill changes the requirement for the Secretary of State to publish uniform guidelines for determining voter intent into rule-making authority and restores the authority of the Secretary of State to adopt rules governing recount procedures. The bill clarifies the requirement for when a copy of the voting list must be provided to the clerk after a recount. The bill also changes the references for absentee ballot e-mail requests to requests made by "electronic means." The bill clarifies the time period allowed for early processing of absentee ballots and requires municipalities that wish to process absentee ballots early to provide a copy of the notice of election to the Secretary of State by 30 days before the election. The bill prohibits a candidate from assisting an absentee ballot. This bill requires that an applicant for a direct initiative of legislation must submit a summary that explains the purpose and intent of the direct initiative along with the application form and allows the Secretary of State to have a 15-business-day period to review the first draft of the application.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-311)

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This amendment adds definitions for "declared write-in candidate" and "undeclared write-in candidate." The amendment extends the period during which the Secretary of State must maintain direct initiative of legislation and people's veto petitions after the appeal period from 2 to 6 months. This amendment clarifies that the restriction on the registrar running for or holding office only applies to the electoral division in which the registrar is appointed and prohibits a candidate's treasurer from serving as a registrar in that electoral division. It removes a provision in the bill that eliminates the requirement that the municipality of residence be listed next to candidates printed on the ballot. The amendment clarifies that municipality of residence is not required to be listed for candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the United States. This amendment requires the Secretary of State to include the names of declared write-in candidates on the election return forms and requires write-in candidates to file their declarations of write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State 45 days before election day. It also removes the term "valid" when referring to write-in candidates who meet the declaration deadline. The amendment also adds language regarding candidate petition validity when signatures on those petitions do not meet the requirements prescribed but are also not proven to be fraudulent. The amendment also facilitates the use of the accessible voting system by persons with disabilities to cast a vote for a declared write-in candidate.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 253 makes several changes to the laws governing elections. It requires the Secretary of State to keep direct initiative and people's veto petitions in the Office of the Secretary of State for 6 months after any appeal period has passed. The law provides that a municipal registrar may not be treasurer for a candidate subject to an election in the electoral division in which the registrar is appointed. It also requires that a registration appeals board must issue decisions pertaining to voter registration to the voter in writing and include information on how to appeal the decision. The law lists forms of identification that may be offered by a person who wishes to register to vote. The law provides that a person who is a citizen the United States and has never lived in the United States may register to vote where that person's parent is a qualified elector. The law specifies when a registrar is required to be present at the time of a municipal caucus. The law also changes the criteria for determining the validity of candidate petitions or initiative and people's veto petitions when signatures on those petitions do not meet the requirements of the law, including whether or not the circulator personally witnessed the signature being written on the petition. The law provides that municipality of residence is not required to be printed on the ballot for write-in candidates or candidates for President or Vice President of the United States. The law also specifies that a declared write-in candidate is a write-in candidate who has registered prior to 45 days before an election. Only write-in candidates that meet the standard of a declared write in candidate are included in the count when votes are tabulated. The law does provide for a recount process for undeclared write-in candidates who agree to fund such a recount. The law provides that a municipality may not process absentee ballots prior to the close of the polls on election day if proper notice is not provided by 5:00 PM on the 30th day prior to election day. Chapter 253 provides for an audio ballot that provides an aural presentation of declared write-in candidates as an accessible voting accommodation. The law also requires applicants for a direct initiative to include a summary that explains the intent and purpose of the direct initiative along with the text of the law subject to the initiative. It also provides the Secretary of State an additional 5 business days to review the proposed law for proper form.

LD 1170 **Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Report on the Accuracy of Election Results**

RESOLVE 55

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRINWARD	OTP-AM	H-187

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

This bill seeks to formalize the accuracy of voting by using the recounts that presently exist in a more formalized way.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-187)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Secretary of State to examine recent election recounts and compare the election night vote tally with the recount vote tally for those elections. The Secretary of State is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs by February 15, 2010 and include recommendations for a formal system of examining election recount results to provide information on the accuracy of elections in the State.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 55 directs the Secretary of State to examine recent election recounts and compare the election night vote tally with the recount vote tally for those elections. The Secretary of State is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs by February 15, 2010 and include recommendations for a formal system of examining election recount results to provide information on the accuracy of elections in the State.

LD 1189 An Act To Simplify and Improve the Maine Clean Election Laws

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

MILLS P

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill amends the Maine Clean Election Act and combines seed money and qualifying checks into one composite qualifying system. Qualifying contributions are defined as any amount of \$5 to \$100 payable to the candidate or the campaign. To qualify, the candidate must raise contributions in numbers and amounts as follows:

1. For a gubernatorial candidate, a minimum of 3,250 contributors who contribute a total amount of \$32,500;
2. For a candidate for the State Senate, a minimum of 150 contributors who contribute a total amount of \$1,500; and
3. For a candidate for the House of Representatives, a minimum of 50 contributors who contribute a total amount of \$500.

The number of required contributors remains the same as in present law, but the minimum amount of money required is doubled from \$5 per contributor to what would be an average of \$10 if only the minimum number of contributors were obtained. Each \$5 contribution still counts and contributions up to \$100 are acceptable. Instead of submitting contributions to the commission, the candidates will submit only the acknowledgement signed by each contributor as evidence of the payment and support. Candidates will retain and use for campaign purposes all amounts collected. Because seed money is abolished and blended into the system for qualifying contributions, all private financial support must come in the form of qualifying contributions from voters within the candidate's own district. Distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund are reduced by 1/2 of the qualifying contributions collected.

The qualifying period for any candidate is amended to start whenever the candidate files a declaration of intent. The qualifying period for an unenrolled candidate continues to end on June 2nd of each election year. The corresponding date for a party candidate remains at April 15th.

The bill makes clear that no revenue from the Maine Clean Election Fund may be pledged or applied to the collection of qualifying contributions.

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The bill also adds a private funding option for candidates. Before April 15th of an election year, a candidate whose campaign is supported by private contributions may elect to be covered by the matching fund protections of the Maine Clean Election Act if the candidate agrees to limit and does limit campaign contributions and expenditures to the amount that would be authorized for distribution to the candidate if the candidate were qualified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate. A candidate making such an election is entitled to public matching funds as if the candidate had qualified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate.

LD 1195 An Act To Allow Noncitizen Residents To Vote in Municipal Elections

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill authorizes municipalities to allow noncitizen residents to vote in municipal elections.

LD 1197 An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act

PUBLIC 286

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-214 S-246 DAMON S-291 SULLIVAN

This bill makes several changes to the laws governing clean elections and governmental ethics.

The bill amends the laws governing legislative ethics by expanding upon the prohibitions on certain campaign contributions from and solicitations of lobbyists, lobbyist associates or employers. It clarifies that the prohibitions apply to contributions to a political action committee closely associated with a Legislator, Governor or constitutional officer.

The bill amends the definition of "contribution" under the campaign reporting laws to clarify that the 40-hour limitation applies to individual employees'; contributions and not to the state party committee as a whole.

The bill amends the reporting requirements for political action committees found in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1059 to equalize the aggregate dollar threshold of their reporting requirements for contributions made within the final 2 weeks of an election with the aggregate threshold for candidates, found in Title 21-A, section 1017, subsection 3, paragraph C.

The bill requires a certified Maine Clean Election Act candidate to provide explanations of payments made to political committees to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to ensure that payments are made solely to promote that candidate's election.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-214)

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This amendment strikes the provisions of the bill that propose to change the definition of "contribution" as it relates to assistance provided by party employees and the increase in the trigger from \$500 to \$1,000 that would require political action committees to file 24-hour reports. The amendment maintains the provision in the bill that expands the prohibition on certain campaign contributions from and solicitations of lobbyists as they apply to political action committees closely associated with a Legislator, Governor or constitutional officer. It also maintains the provision that requires more detailed information regarding payments made to political action committees by candidates participating in the Maine Clean Election Act. The amendment also increases the number of qualifying contributions required of legislative candidates to 175 for candidates for the Senate and to 60 for House candidates. It makes the qualifying period for legislative candidates seeking Maine Clean Election Act certification end on April 20th. It changes the distribution to unopposed legislative candidates in a general election from 40% to 33% of the distributions to candidates in a contested general election. Finally, this amendment raises the contribution limits in traditionally funded campaigns to \$750 for gubernatorial and \$350 for all other races. Beginning December 1, 2010 those contribution limits will be automatically adjusted every 2 years based on the Consumer Price Index and rounded to the nearest \$25. The amendment also requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt rules that will permit the collection of general election contributions during a primary election cycle.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-246)

This amendment is being presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in the Second Reading to prevent a conflict by incorporating a change made to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1122, subsection 7, paragraph A in Public Law 2009, chapter 190.

Senate Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-291)

This amendment extends the qualifying period for State Senate or State House of Representatives candidates participating in the Maine Clean Election Act until the next business day if the office of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices is closed on the last day of the qualifying period.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 286 amends the law that prohibits the acceptance of contributions from lobbyists to the Governor, a member of the Legislature or a constitutional officer during the time when the Legislature is in session to also include contributions to a political action committee, ballot measure committee or party committee of which the Governor, member of the Legislature or a constitutional officer is a treasurer, officer, primary fund-raiser or decision maker. It also increases the contribution limits for candidates from \$500 to \$750 for gubernatorial candidates and from \$250 to \$350 for legislative and other candidates. Beginning December 2010, those contribution limits will be automatically adjusted in accordance with the Consumer Price Index every 2 years.

Chapter 286 also amends the Maine Clean Election Act to allow for qualifying contributions to be in an amount of \$5 or more. It makes the qualifying period for legislative candidates from January 1st to April 20th of an election year. It raises the number of qualifying contributions required from 150 to 175 for Senate candidates and from 50 to 60 for candidates for the House of Representatives. The law provides that distribution of Maine Clean Election Funds to uncontested candidates in general elections will be 33% of the amount distributed to contested candidates. The law also requires greater detail when reporting payment of Maine Clean Election funds to a political action committee or a party committee by a participating candidate.

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LD 1210 An Act Regarding Volunteer Lobbyists

PUBLIC 234

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY	OTP-AM	H-310

This bill provides that a person who acts as a lobbyist or a lobbyist associate for a nonprofit organization whose only compensation for that lobbying is reimbursement for travel expenses and the employer of that person are exempt from the requirement to pay a registration fee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-310)

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that a person is not considered a lobbyist if that person receives only reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenditures for lobbying-related activities made during the course of lobbying and is not otherwise compensated.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 234 provides that a person is not considered a lobbyist if that person receives only reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenditures for lobbying-related activities made during the course of lobbying and is not otherwise compensated.

LD 1247 An Act To Prohibit Maine Clean Election Act Candidates from Raising Private Campaign Funds

ONTP

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

This bill prohibits Maine Clean Election Act candidates from establishing or participating in political action committees to influence the election or defeat of legislative candidates or to support that candidate's effort to be elected to a legislative leadership position.

LD 1248 An Act Authorizing a Scratch Ticket with Proceeds To Benefit Native American Boys and Girls Clubs

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill directs the State Liquor and Lottery Commission to develop a Native American lottery game. The bill also establishes a Native American Boys and Girls Club Fund and a Native American Boys and Girls Club Fund Board.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-242)

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This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

LD 1249 An Act To Raise the Campaign Contribution Limit

ONTP

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

This bill raises the contribution limit to \$1,000 for a gubernatorial candidate and other candidates.

LD 1250 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act Relating to Seed Money

ONTP

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

This bill increases the seed money contribution a participating candidate may receive from \$100 to \$250 per individual. It also increases the amount of seed money that can be raised by a candidate for the State Senate from \$1,500 to \$3,000 and from \$500 to \$1,000 for a candidate for the State House of Representatives. The bill also directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to amend its rules to decrease by \$1,500 the amount of seed money a candidate for the State Senate may receive as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate and to decrease by \$500 the amount of seed money a candidate for the State House of Representatives may receive as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate.

LD 1308 An Act To Allow the Importation of Wine into the State for Individuals through Specific Ports of Entry

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill establishes a license to allow for the direct shipment of wine to registered shipment outlets. The license allows certain in-state and out-of-state wineries to ship up to 12 cases of wine annually to such registered outlets for pick-up by consumers who are 21 years of age or older. The registered shipment outlet must be shown proof of age in order to release a delivery to a consumer. Wine shipments must be conspicuously labeled that they contain alcohol and may be delivered only to a person 21 years of age or older. The bill requires that a direct shipper is required to pay all applicable taxes, including excise and premium taxes on wine. The bill establishes reporting requirements for direct shippers and lists specific penalties for specific violations of laws governing the direct shipment of wine.

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LD 1309 An Act To Clarify the Use of Instant Redeemable Coupons with Alcoholic Beverages

PUBLIC 145

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FITTS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-190

This bill allows for spirits manufacturers to include instant redeemable coupons with spirits products listed for sale by the State Liquor and Lottery Commission. It also specifies that instant redeemable coupons and other promotions attached to or included in spirits products packages be attached or inserted by the manufacturer.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-190)

This amendment makes a technical correction to the bill and clarifies that coupons attached to spirits sold by reselling agents to on-premise retail licensees are for the benefit of the on-premise retail licensee.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 145 allows for spirits manufacturers to include instant redeemable coupons with spirits products listed for sale by the State Liquor and Lottery Commission. It also specifies that instant redeemable coupons and other promotions attached to or included in spirits products packages be attached or inserted by the manufacturer.

LD 1327 An Act To Update Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management Laws

PUBLIC 406

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRINWARD PLOWMAN	OTP-AM	H-390 H-467 TRINWARD H-567 TRINWARD

This bill provides that any person subject to the Maine Code of Military Justice who behaves in a manner that is prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the military forces or that discredits the military forces must be punished as a court-martial may direct and that any such person who violates any state or federal criminal law must be punished as a court-martial may direct.

This bill also changes the title of the director of the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System to superintendent and the title of veteran advocate to veteran service officer. It requires schools that provide tuition assistance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 505, subsection 2 to provide the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services certain information so that the bureau may properly administer certain educational benefits. It clarifies Maine Veterans' Homes eligibility requirements.

This bill also authorizes the Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard to act as a panel to review cases involving death or disability of members of the Maine National Guard. When the commission or a subcommittee of the commission acts as such a review panel, its proceedings and records are confidential and are not subject to subpoena, discovery or introduction in a civil or criminal action. Conclusions of the panel may be disclosed, but no confidential information may be released.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-390)

This amendment strikes the section of the bill that stated that any person subject to the Maine Code of Military Justice who violates any state or federal criminal law must be punished as a court-martial may direct. The amendment also provides greater detail regarding a case review panel that is part of the Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard. As amended, this bill was reviewed and evaluated by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 434, which requires review and evaluation of new exceptions to the laws governing public records.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-467)

This amendment makes clarifying changes to Committee Amendment "A" regarding confidential records of the Case Review Team of the Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard.

House Amendment "A" (H-567)

This amendment adds authorization for the Adjutant General to sell the Fort Kent and Gardiner armories and allows for a real-property exchange of the armory in Portland.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 406 amends the law to allow for the sale of the Fort Kent and Gardiner armories and allows for the sale of all or a portion of the armory in located Bath. It also allows for the transfer of property with regard to the armory located in Portland. The law also specifies that any person subject to the Code of Military Justice in accordance with Title 37-B who behaves in a manner that is prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the military forces must be punished as a court-martial may direct. The law requires a school that provides tuition assistance to veterans, their spouse or dependants to provide certain information such as enrollment verification, grade point average and transcripts so the Bureau of Veterans Services may properly administer those educational benefits. The law also establishes a case review team within the Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard.

LD 1328 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning Early Voting and Voting by Absentee Ballot

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Sponsor(s)

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Committee Report

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Amendments Adopted

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require the Legislature to authorize a process to allow a qualified voter to vote at a polling place in or outside of the voter's election district during the 21-day period immediately preceding an election. It also changes an allowable reason for absentee voting from absence or physical incapacity to any reason deemed sufficient.

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LD 1329 An Act To Allow a Resort Casino in Oxford County

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill authorizes a gaming operator to operate a gaming facility at a single site in Oxford County. The legislative body and voters of any municipality in which the site is located must approve the site for the operation of the gaming facility. The gaming facility is authorized to contain slot machines, bazaar games conducted solely for merchandise prizes, lottery games, video facsimiles, card games, table games and other games of chance, including without limitation blackjack, poker, dice, roulette, baccarat, money-wheels and bingo.

The initiated bill removes the limit on the total number of slot machines that are allowed to be registered in this State. The bill provides that, other than the approved commercial race tracks in the State that operate slot machines, the gaming facility must be the only gaming facility in the State for at least 10 years. The bill provides for regulation of the gaming facility by the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board.

The bill requires the gaming operator to pay to the State 40% of the total gross gaming device income. This money paid to the State must be used for the following purposes:

1. Nineteen and one half percent of the total gross gaming device income must be distributed to economic development funds to be used for statewide projects and projects in Oxford County;
2. Nineteen and one half percent of the total gross gaming device income must be distributed to transportation infrastructure funds to be used for statewide projects and projects in Oxford County; and
3. One percent of the total gross gaming device income must be distributed to the host municipality.

LD 1330 An Act Regarding Gaming by Charitable Organizations

Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT M BRYANT B		

This bill repeals the existing chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17 on games of chance and replaces it with a new chapter. The provisions governing games of chance are the same but structured differently with the intent of clarifying the provisions within the chapter. This bill makes changes to cross-references in order to comply with the new section numbers assigned to the games of chance provisions. The only substantive change made by the bill is to the definition of "slot machine," which is amended by the bill to be consistent with other references to slot machines in the law and to recognize the electronic nature of modern slot machines. This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1053.

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LD 1344 Resolve, To Authorize a Pilot Project on Ranked Choice Voting

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

This resolve establishes a 2-year pilot project overseen by the Secretary of State that involves ranked choice voting to determine a majority winner in municipal elections with 3 or more candidates. The pilot project will involve up to 10 municipalities selected by the Secretary of State to implement ranked choice voting in municipal elections that are held at a different time than a statewide election, are secret ballot elections and are for offices in which only one candidate is being selected. The ranked choice voting ballot allows the voter to rank in descending order of preference the voter's second and subsequent choices for office after marking the voter's first choice for office. If, after the initial round of voting there is not a majority winner, the candidate with the least amount of votes is eliminated with all choices behind that candidate moved up in preference on each ballot. A second and subsequent rounds of voting are held using this process until a candidate receives a majority of votes for the office. For purposes of the rights of political parties, the amount of votes a candidate of a political party receives in the first round of tabulation is considered the amount of votes that candidate received in the election for that office. This resolve directs the Secretary of State to submit a report concerning the pilot project and any recommended legislation to the 125th Legislature.

**LD 1345 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
To Increase the Required Number of Signatures for a Direct Initiative
or a People's Veto and To Limit a Direct Initiative to One Subject**

Carried Over

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to increase the number of signatures that a petitioner must gather for a people's veto or a direct initiative from not less than 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election to not less than 20% of the total vote for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election. It also limits a direct initiative to one subject.

LD 1346 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Games of Chance

PUBLIC 224

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRIGGS BRYANT B	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-267

This bill amends the laws governing games of chance, including licensed card games such as "Texas hold 'em," to increase from 40 to 80 the number of players that are allowed at any one time at any one location.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-267)

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This amendment decreases from 80 to 50 the number of players permitted at a licensed game of cards and requires the Chief of the State Police to submit a report.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 224 allows for up to 50 players at a licensed game of cards and requires the Chief of the State Police to submit a report by February 15, 2010 regarding the number of players at licensed games of cards.

**LD 1379 An Act To Authorize the Operation of Slot Machines on the
Passamaquoddy Reservation**

ONTP

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

This bill allows the Passamaquoddy Tribe to be licensed to operate not more than 100 slot machines on the Pleasant Point Reservation and Indian Township Reservation in Washington County in conjunction with high-stakes beano. The license would be subject to existing licensing requirements and oversight by the Gambling Control Board. The initial license fee for the slot machine license, based on the maximum of 100 machines, would be \$10,000 and the annual renewal fee is \$3,000. One percent of the gross slot machine revenue would be required to be deposited to the General Fund. Fourteen percent of the net slot machine revenue from slot machines operated by the Passamaquoddy Tribe would be distributed as follows:

1. One percent to the General Fund for administrative expenses of the board, including gambling addiction counseling services, in accordance with rules adopted by the board;
2. Two percent to the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund;
3. Two percent to the Maine Community College System to fund its scholarships program;
4. One percent to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services;
5. Two percent to the Maine Technology Institute;
6. Two percent to an economic development council in Washington County;
7. One percent to homeless shelters;
8. Two percent to be forwarded to other federally recognized Indian tribes in the State that are not licensed to operate slot machines; and
9. One percent to the Ronald McDonald House in Bangor, an organization that provides housing to families of chronically ill children in connection with the treatment of those children.

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LD 1380 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Laws Governing Gubernatorial Candidates

**PUBLIC 363
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINGREE MITCHELL E	OTP-AM	H-429 H-529 TRINWARD

This bill changes the requirements for a gubernatorial candidate who wishes to run for Governor as a participating candidate in the Maine Clean Election Act. This bill removes the extended qualifying period for unenrolled candidates seeking to certify as participating candidates. It requires the collection of at least \$40,000 in seed money contributions from registered voters in the State and requires that each seed money contributor fill out a contribution acknowledgment form that, along with other information, states that the contributor made the contribution using personal funds and will not be reimbursed by any source. It allows a gubernatorial candidate to collect up to \$300,000 in seed money. Current law limits seed money to \$50,000. The bill also provides that failure to properly report seed money contributions may result in revocation of the candidate's certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate. The bill changes the distribution amount for primary election funds to gubernatorial candidates to \$400,000 for each election. The bill also limits matching funds distributed to gubernatorial candidates to \$400,000 instead of twice that amount.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-429)

This amendment replaces the bill. It makes several changes to the laws regarding gubernatorial candidates under the Maine Clean Election Act. It changes the end of the qualifying period for those candidates from April 15th to April 1st of the election year. It requires a gubernatorial candidate to raise a minimum of \$40,000 in seed money contributions from registered voters in the State in order to qualify for Maine Clean Election Act funds and raises the existing seed money cap for gubernatorial candidates from \$50,000 to \$200,000. The amendment requires a method of documenting seed money contributions similar to the bill and eliminates repetitive requirements regarding documentation. The amendment specifies that the increased amount of \$400,000 for primary distributions under the bill is for contested candidates by stating that uncontested candidates only receive \$200,000. It also clarifies that the distribution from the Maine Clean Election Fund for certified unenrolled gubernatorial candidates would be the same as for uncontested gubernatorial candidates. The amendment specifies that rules to implement this legislation are routine technical rules and that the changes made by the legislation apply to gubernatorial candidates beginning with the 2010 election even if they filed a declaration of intent with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices prior to its enactment. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-529)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to Committee Amendment "A." This amendment also changes the start date of the qualifying period for gubernatorial candidates from November 1st to October 15th.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 363 makes changes to the provisions of the Maine Clean Election Act governing gubernatorial candidates. It sets the qualifying period to be a participating candidate as October 15th immediately preceding an election year April 1st of an election year. It requires a minimum of \$40,000 in seed money contributions from registered Maine voters. The maximum seed money contributions allowed is \$200,000. The law establishes a process for documenting seed money contributions and reporting them to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. The law changes how Maine Clean Election Fund are distributed to contested gubernatorial candidates so that they receive \$400,000 during the primary election period. General

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election distributions remain the same, \$600,000 but matching funds are reduced from 2 times the amount distributed in the general election to 1/2 the amount distributed in the general election. Finally, this law clarifies when unenrolled candidates who have qualified for Maine Clean Election funds will receive distributions from the fund.

This law was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 11, 2009.

**LD 1420 An Act To Alter the Distribution of Maine Clean Election Act Funding
to Gubernatorial Candidates**

Carried Over

Sponsor(s)

CAREY

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill does the following.

1. It reduces from 3,250 to 750 the number of qualifying contributions required for a gubernatorial candidate to be certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate.
2. It provides that a Maine Clean Election Act gubernatorial candidate may continue to collect \$5 contributions from registered voters in the State.
3. It allows a voter who provides a \$5 qualifying contribution to a gubernatorial candidate in a contested primary to provide an additional \$5 contribution to that candidate after certification.
4. It provides that each \$5 qualifying contribution and each \$5 additional contribution must be matched by a distribution of \$55 from the Maine Clean Election Fund.
5. It increases the distribution limits for gubernatorial primary elections from \$200,000 to \$350,000 and for gubernatorial general elections from \$600,000 to \$750,000.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1053.

LD 1421 An Act To Ensure the Perpetual Care of Maine Veterans' Cemeteries

Carried Over

Sponsor(s)

COTTA
MITCHELL E

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The purpose of this bill is to ensure the perpetual care of Maine veterans'; cemeteries. In order to accomplish this purpose, this bill establishes an irrevocable trust account within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management for the exclusive purpose of maintenance, upkeep and care of veterans'; cemeteries within the State. Under the bill, the irrevocable trust will be authorized to receive, in addition to allocations from the Legislature, gifts, bequests and other funds from public or private agencies. Funds in the trust may not be encumbered for, or diverted to, purposes other than the maintenance and care of veterans'; cemeteries within the State.

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This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1053.

LD 1437 An Act To Permit Video Gaming for Money Conducted by Nonprofit Organizations

Carried Over

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

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

Video gaming terminal manufacturers, wholesalers and operators must be licensed by the Chief of the State Police, following background investigations of the applicants and their major business partners. Local approval is required for a license to operate video gaming terminals.

The license specifies the number of terminals allowed on the premises, and the maximum number of terminals allowed is 5 per licensee. Terminals must be licensed by the Chief of the State Police and must be connected to a computer system operated by the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. By the end of a 5-year phase-in period, this computer system must provide continuous online monitoring of video gaming terminal activity. Persons under 21 years of age are not allowed to use the machines. Only members of the organization and their guests are allowed to play. The maximum dollar amount for each play is \$5 and the maximum payout is \$1,250. Each game on each machine must return at least 80% of wagers to players, calculated on an annual basis.

Net terminal income, which is income after payback to players, is divided as follows: 8% to the State for payment into the Video Gaming Fund for administrative expenses, municipal revenue sharing and Public Education Fund revenue; 2% to the Compulsive Gambler Rehabilitation Fund; and 90% to the licensee. Licenses are issued for one year. Applicants for an initial license must pay the actual costs of processing the application and performing the background investigation.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1053.

LD 1448 An Act To Exempt Volunteer Lobbyists from State Disclosure Requirements

ONTP

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

The bill exempts from the definition of "lobbyist" individuals who received no compensation for lobbying other than reimbursement for travel within this State. Organizations providing such reimbursement would not need to register

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these individuals as lobbyists with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. The bill also eliminates the requirement that annual reports filed by lobbyists be signed by their clients, since those reports are primarily filed electronically on the commission's publicly accessible website.

LD 1451 An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act and the Enforcement Procedures of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

PUBLIC 302

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	S-242

The bill makes changes to the enforcement procedures of the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices with respect to candidates, political action committees and political committees. If the commission is considering finding the candidate or committee in violation or assessing a penalty, the candidate or committee may request that the commission conduct a formal adjudicatory hearing in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

The bill also clarifies that a candidate or political committee who has been found in violation may appeal the commission's determination to the Superior Court. If the candidate or committee does not appeal the commission's determination and does not pay a penalty assessed by the commission or return Maine Clean Election Act funds, the commission may enforce the penalty or order to return funds by submitting the commission's determination to the clerk of courts for Kennebec County, rather than by proving the violation through the initiation of a civil lawsuit.

The bill also amends the commission's calculation of the initial public funds payment made to legislative candidates participating in the Maine Clean Election Act. Currently, those payments are based solely on average spending by all candidates in the preceding 2 elections. The bill would permit the commission beginning September 1, 2011 to consider other factors, such as increases in the cost of campaigning, after seeking comment from the commission's legislative oversight committee, legislative leadership and other interested persons.

The bill also amends current requirements on candidates who pay campaign funds to members of the candidate's household or immediate family. It clarifies that the requirements apply to payees who are members of the candidate's household or who are members of the candidate's immediate family.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-242)

This amendment strikes the provisions of the bill that make changes to the enforcement procedures of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices that would allow the commission to seek penalties and the return of Maine Clean Election Act funds based on the commission's determination through the clerk of courts if the entity subject to the penalty does not take action to appeal the commission's determination. The amendment also makes changes in the bill regarding the distribution of Maine Clean Election Act funds to gubernatorial candidates.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 302 makes changes to the enforcement procedures of the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices with respect to candidates, political action committees and political committees. It provides a process for the collection of unpaid penalties or the return of Maine Clean Election Funds through a civil action in Superior Court.

Chapter 302 also amends the commission's calculation of the initial public funds payment made to legislative candidates participating in the Maine Clean Election Act. Currently, those payments are based solely on average spending by all candidates in the preceding 2 elections. The law would permit the commission beginning September

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1, 2011 to consider other factors, such as increases in the cost of campaigning, after seeking comment from the commission's legislative oversight committee, legislative leadership and other interested persons.

This law also amends current requirements on candidates who pay campaign funds to members of the candidate's household or immediate family. It clarifies that the requirements apply to payees who are members of the candidate's household or who are members of the candidate's immediate family.

Finally, this law makes changes to the distribution of Maine Clean Election Funds to participating gubernatorial candidates to be consistent with the changes made by LD 1380.

LD 1458 An Act To Increase Opportunities for Commercial Tracks and Agricultural Fairs

ONTP

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

This bill authorizes the operation of slot machines at a tribal commercial track and a commercial track that is located in Oxford County. The operation of slot machines at the newly authorized tracks is subject to regulation by the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board. The operation of slot machines must be approved by the municipality in which the tribal commercial track or Oxford County commercial track is located before the Gambling Control Board may grant a license to operate slot machines within a 50-mile radius of the track that is licensed and conducts harness racing. This bill also authorizes the issuance of a high-stakes beano license to a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State to operate games on nontribal land in Washington County.

LD 1461 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions - Matching Funds and Property and Equipment, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

**RESOLVE 90
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-392

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

Committee Amendment "A" (H-392)

This amendment directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt the provisionally adopted rules governing the Maine Clean Election Act on the condition that the rule governing the minimum amount that must be received from the resale of property and equipment be reduced from 75% to 40%.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 90 directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adopt the provisionally adopted rules governing the Maine Clean Election Act on the condition that the rule governing the minimum amount that must be received from the resale of property and equipment be reduced from 75% to 40%.

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This resolve was finally passed as an emergency measure and took effect on June 4, 2009.

LD 1462 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions - Increase of Seed Money to \$150,000, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

**RESOLVE 103
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-445

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions - increase of seed money to \$150,000, a major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-445)

This amendment denies authorization for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to finally adopt a provisionally adopted rule regarding seed money limits under the Maine Clean Election Act.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 103 denies authorization for the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to finally adopt a provisionally adopted rule regarding seed money limits under the Maine Clean Election Act because changes to seed money limits were made by LD 1380.

This resolve was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 8, 2009.

LD 1470 Resolve, To Recognize Women Veterans in the State House Hall of Flags

RESOLVE 129

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO MITCHELL E	OTP-AM	H-456

This resolve establishes a commission to arrange for a plaque to be displayed in the Hall of Flags in the State House to honor women veterans in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-456)

This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment establishes a resolve that creates a working group to design and arrange for the placement of a plaque in the State House Hall of Flags to honor women veterans of the State. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 129 creates a working group to design and arrange for the placement of a plaque in the State House Hall of Flags to honor women veterans of the State.

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LD 1484 An Act Regarding the Central Voter Registration System

PUBLIC 370

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

H-486 TRINWARD

This bill provides that either a municipal registrar or the Secretary of State has the authority to cancel voter registration records in the central voter registration system when the records are duplicates or when the voter has moved to another jurisdiction. The bill gives the Secretary of State the explicit authority to conduct a system-wide program of voter list maintenance. The bill provides for access to statistical voter registration information. The bill repeals the sunset of the law regarding the use and distribution of central voter registration system information. This bill, which was introduced by the Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee pursuant to joint order, was reviewed and evaluated by the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 434 which requires review and evaluation of new exceptions to the laws governing public records.

House Amendment "A" (H-486)

This amendment reinstates the repeal provision governing public access to records contained within the central voter registration system repealed by the bill and extends it from 2009 to 2011.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 370 provides that either a municipal registrar or the Secretary of State has the authority to cancel voter registration records in the central voter registration system when the records are duplicates or when the voter has moved to another jurisdiction. The bill gives the Secretary of State the explicit authority to conduct a system-wide program of voter list maintenance. The bill provides for access to statistical voter registration information. The bill extends the sunset of the law regarding the use and distribution of central voter registration system information from 2009 to 2011.

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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LD 1328 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of
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WITHDRAW

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

LD 1448 **An Act To Exempt Volunteer Lobbyists from State Disclosure Requirements** **ONTP**

Lottery

Not Enacted

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LD 1248 **An Act Authorizing a Scratch Ticket with Proceeds To Benefit Native American Boys and Girls Clubs** **ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT**

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Enacted

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