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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1436, L.D. 2121, “An Act to Enhance the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor by Allowing Certain Personal Information to Be Removed from Designated Public Records”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Study Methods for Enhancing the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Working Group. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State shall convene a working group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," to study methods for enhancing the safety of judicial officers and elected officials in accordance with this section.

- 1. The working group must consist of at least the following 13 members:
  - A. The Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's designee;
  - B. Two members of the Legislature, including one member of the Senate designated by the President of the Senate and one member of the House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall confer to ensure that one of the designated Legislators is a member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and the other designated Legislator is a member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;
  - C. A judge or justice of the District Court, the Superior Court or the Supreme Judicial Court designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court;
  - D. A representative of the Administrative Office of the Courts designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court;
  - E. A county probate court judge designated by the Secretary of State;

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- 1 F. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
- 2 G. The Chief Information Officer or the Chief Information Officer's designee;
- 3 H. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
- 4 I. A register of deeds in the State designated by the Secretary of State;
- 5 J. A representative from the Maine Municipal Association designated by the Maine
- 6 Municipal Association;
- 7 K. A representative from the Right to Know Advisory Committee who is not a member
- 8 of the Legislature designated by the Chair of the Right to Know Advisory Committee;
- 9 and
- 10 L. A representative of the media designated by the Secretary of State.

11 2. At a minimum, the working group shall examine threats of violence currently faced  
12 by judicial officers and elected officials in the State; legislation enacted in other states to  
13 enhance the safety of judicial officers and elected officials, including but not limited to  
14 legislation directing the removal of the home addresses and other personally identifying  
15 information of judicial officers and elected officials from publicly accessible government  
16 websites and databases and other public records; the logistical, financial, technological and  
17 other requirements for government entities in the State to remove home addresses and other  
18 personally identifying information of judicial officers and elected officials from publicly  
19 accessible government websites and databases and other public records; whether it is  
20 necessary to continue to include home addresses and other personally identifying  
21 information of judicial officers and elected officials in certain types of public records  
22 maintained by government entities in the State; and whether and how the State may direct  
23 data brokers and other private entities to remove home addresses and other personally  
24 identifying information of judicial officers and elected officials from publicly accessible  
25 websites and databases.

26 **Sec. 2. Pilot project. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15, 2027, the  
27 Department of the Secretary of State shall establish a 2-year pilot project that provides each  
28 qualifying official who applies to participate in the pilot project with a subscription to a  
29 service that removes the qualifying official's personally identifying information from  
30 publicly accessible websites and databases. For the purposes of this section, "qualifying  
31 official" means a judge or justice of a county probate court, the District Court, the Superior  
32 Court and the Supreme Judicial Court or a Legislator.

33 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State shall submit  
34 a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary  
35 matters no later than February 1, 2027 with an interim evaluation of the costs and  
36 effectiveness of the pilot project under section 2. The interim evaluation must identify the  
37 working group members, summarize the activities of the working group and set forth the  
38 working group's findings and recommendations for enhancing the safety of judicial officers  
39 and elected officials by protecting personally identifying information of these officers and  
40 officials in government records, including any suggested legislation. The joint standing  
41 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters may report out  
42 legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 based on the report.

