

STATE OF MAINE
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



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

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Enacted

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| LD 377 | An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses | PUBLIC 9 |
| LD 1010 | An Act To Establish the Maine Service Fellows Program | PUBLIC 155 |
| LD 1034 | An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations | PUBLIC 436 |

Not Enacted

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| LD 379 | An Act To Establish the Maine State Cemetery Commission | CARRIED OVER |
| LD 446 | Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research and Recommend Solutions for Regional and Municipal Planning | Died On Adjournment |
| LD 584 | Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates | Died On Adjournment |
| LD 817 | Resolve, To Establish the COVID-19 Review Commission | Died Between Houses |
| LD 1073 | Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research Effective Strategies and Efficiencies of Legislatures | CARRIED OVER |
| LD 1670 | Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature | ONTP |

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Enacted

LD 1123 An Act To Authorize a Monument to the Victims of and First Responders to COVID-19 PUBLIC 475

Not Enacted

LD 1671 Resolve, To Require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety To Develop Short-term and Long-term Plans for Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House CARRIED OVER

Cemeteries

Not Enacted

LD 379 An Act To Establish the Maine State Cemetery Commission CARRIED OVER

Constitutional Amendment

Not Enacted

LD 153 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Number of Legislators Required To Approve a Constitutional Amendment Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 442 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Create the Office of Lieutenant Governor ONTP

LD 874 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the Popular Election of Maine Constitutional Officers Died Between Houses

LD 985 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer Than 60 Days Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1018 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow the Citizens of the State To Elect the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1056 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Attorney General Majority (ONTP) Report

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| LD 1057 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1058 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Treasurer of State | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1187 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Amending the Pardon Powers of the Governor | CARRIED OVER |
| LD 1669 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit the Action the Legislature May Take on Initiatives Approved by Voters for a Period of 3 Years | Majority (ONTP) Report |

County Government - Budget

Enacted

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| LD 243 | An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee | PUBLIC 55 |
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| LD 434 | An Act To Clarify the Bonding Authority of Counties for Capital Maintenance Projects | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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County Government - General

Enacted

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| LD 621 | An Act To Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners | P & S 8 |
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| LD 1065 | An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs | PUBLIC 202 |
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| LD 375 | An Act To Create Greater Accountability in the Office of County Sheriff | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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| LD 876 | An Act To Promote Efficiency in County and Municipal Government | ONTP |
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| LD 1300 | An Act To Require County Governments To Coordinate with Municipalities To Create Plans To Address Homelessness | CARRIED OVER |
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| LD 1088 | An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Own Property To Speak at Town Meetings on Local Issues | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1300 | An Act To Require County Governments To Coordinate with Municipalities To Create Plans To Address Homelessness | CARRIED OVER |
| LD 1340 | An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws | Died On Adjournment |
| LD 1387 | An Act To Remove the Provision of Law Allowing a Legislator Who Resigns from Service as a Town Assessor To Continue To Serve Concurrently as a Selectman and as a Legislator | ONTP |
| LD 1658 | An Act To Increase Campaign Finance Transparency and Accountability in Municipal Elections | CARRIED OVER |

Local Government - Land Use and Access

Not Enacted

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| LD 1365 | An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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Local Government - Planning and Regulation

Not Enacted

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| LD 383 | An Act Concerning Small Wireless Facilities in Maine | CARRIED OVER |
| LD 1365 | An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals | Majority (ONTP) Report |

Local Government - Roads

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| LD 596 | An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads | PUBLIC 145 |
| LD 1723 | An Act Regarding Winter Maintenance on Private Roads in the Town of Windham | P & S 10 |

Not Enacted

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| LD 806 | An Act To Clarify That Municipal Officers May Accept a Proposed, Unaccepted Way for Pedestrian, Bicycle and Other Nonmotorized Use | ONTP |
| LD 1513 | An Act To Require the Maintenance of a Discontinued Public Road That Provides the Sole Access to One or More Residences | CARRIED OVER |

Miscellaneous

Enacted

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| LD 91 | An Act To Update the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies | PUBLIC 10 |
| LD 564 | Resolve, Directing the State Librarian and the State Archivist To Study Which State Agency Reports and Publications Do Not Need To Be Printed | RESOLVE 19 |
| LD 826 | Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System To Study the Potential Effects of the State Adopting Atlantic Standard Time | RESOLVE 86 |
| LD 1215 | Resolve, To Require the State Auditor To Report on Corrective Actions Regarding the Administration of Federal Grants | RESOLVE 42 |
| LD 1520 | An Act To Terminate the Augusta Downtown Parking District | P & S 5 |
| LD 1522 | An Act To Update and Eliminate References in Statute to Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor | PUBLIC 275 |

Not Enacted

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| LD 462 | An Act To Reexamine the Relationship among County, Municipal and State Governments | ONTP |
| LD 646 | An Act To Improve the Administration of Elections by Ensuring an Adequate Number of Poll Workers | ONTP |
| LD 835 | An Act To Allow Citizens To Petition Government Agencies To Repeal or Modify Occupational Regulations | Majority (ONTP) Report |

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| LD 859 | An Act To Allow Municipalities To Use Ranked-choice Voting in Municipal Elections | CARRIED OVER |
| LD 889 | An Act Concerning Proportional Representation | ONTP |
| LD 895 | An Act To Make Necessary Changes to State Law | CARRIED OVER |
| LD 1051 | An Act To Promote Civic Engagement and Voter Participation for Young People by Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections to 16 Years of Age | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1199 | An Act To Require Education and Training Regarding Media Literacy for Legislators and Legislative Staff | ONTP |
| LD 1228 | An Act To Promote Transparency in Nonconsensual Towing and Roadside Assistance | Enactment Failed |
| LD 1340 | An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws | Died On Adjournment |
| LD 1515 | An Act To Create a People's Revisor | ONTP |
| LD 1610 | An Act To Promote Equity in Policy Making by Enhancing the State's Ability To Collect, Analyze and Apply Data | CARRIED OVER |

Public Employment

Enacted

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| LD 1042 | An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Harmful Substances | PUBLIC 262 |
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Public Purchasing and Contracting

Enacted

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| LD 875 | An Act To Protect Taxpayers in the Privatization of Services and To Establish the State Procurement Review Committee | PUBLIC 332 |
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Not Enacted

State and Local Government

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| LD 729 | An Act To Provide Transparency Regarding State Contracts during a State of Emergency | Died Between Houses |
| LD 1411 | An Act To Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act | Veto Sustained |

Rulemaking

Enacted

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| LD 472 | Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a Major Substantive Rule of the Treasurer of State | RESOLVE 11 |
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State Government - Agencies

Enacted

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| LD 564 | Resolve, Directing the State Librarian and the State Archivist To Study Which State Agency Reports and Publications Do Not Need To Be Printed | RESOLVE 19 |
| LD 875 | An Act To Protect Taxpayers in the Privatization of Services and To Establish the State Procurement Review Committee | PUBLIC 332 |

Not Enacted

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| LD 315 | Resolve, To Require State Departments To Report on Rule Changes within State Government since the Beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic | Minority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 446 | Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research and Recommend Solutions for Regional and Municipal Planning | Died On Adjournment |

State Government - Constitutional Officers

Not Enacted

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| LD 442 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Create the Office of Lieutenant Governor | ONTP |
| LD 733 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Constitutional Officers To Be Elected by Statewide Election | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 874 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the Popular Election of Maine Constitutional Officers | Died Between Houses |

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| LD 1017 | An Act To Let the Citizens of the State Choose Their State Auditor | Report A (ONTP) |
| LD 1018 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow the Citizens of the State To Elect the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1056 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Attorney General | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1057 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1058 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Treasurer of State | Majority (ONTP) Report |

State Government - Governor

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| LD 131 | An Act To Amend the Governor's Emergency Powers | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 608 | An Act Regarding the Governor's Emergency Powers | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 721 | An Act To Increase Transparency in Certain Expenditures of the Governor | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 955 | An Act To Narrowly Tailor Emergency Powers of the Governor and Other Public Officials | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 980 | An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor's Emergency Powers | Report A (ONTP) |
| LD 1137 | An Act To Limit the Governor's Emergency Powers by Requiring a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature To Continue an Emergency after 90 Days | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1187 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Amending the Pardon Powers of the Governor | CARRIED OVER |

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| LD 1237 | An Act To Allow the Governor To Declare a Limited State of Emergency for Federal Aid Purposes | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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State Government - Legislature

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| LD 2 | An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process | PUBLIC 21 |
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| LD 14 | An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Extend a State of Emergency | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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| LD 113 | An Act To Strengthen the Coequal Branches of Maine Government by Ensuring the Legislature Has Access to Necessary Information | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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| LD 153 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Number of Legislators Required To Approve a Constitutional Amendment | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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| LD 321 | An Act To Limit State Legislators to a Lifetime Total of 16 Years of Legislative Service | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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| LD 408 | An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature | CARRIED OVER |
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| LD 753 | An Act To Increase Transparency in the Legislature by Removing Certain Freedom of Access Act Exemptions | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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| LD 974 | An Act To Ensure the Continuance of a Citizen Legislature by Tying Future Pay to the State Minimum Wage | ONTP |
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| LD 985 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer Than 60 Days | Majority (ONTP) Report |
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| LD 1073 | Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research Effective Strategies and Efficiencies of Legislatures | CARRIED OVER |
| LD 1108 | An Act To Promote Legislative Oversight of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds | Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 |
| LD 1199 | An Act To Require Education and Training Regarding Media Literacy for Legislators and Legislative Staff | ONTP |
| LD 1256 | An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Legislation and Agency Rules | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1366 | An Act To Require a Majority Vote of the Legislature for Maine To Join Any Multistate Compact | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1387 | An Act To Remove the Provision of Law Allowing a Legislator Who Resigns from Service as a Town Assessor To Continue To Serve Concurrently as a Selectman and as a Legislator | ONTP |
| LD 1394 | An Act To Prohibit Legislators from Legislating While Intoxicated | ONTP |
| LD 1472 | An Act To Require Legislative Approval for the State's Participation in Compacts, Programs and Agreements Regarding Transportation and Climate Change | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1515 | An Act To Create a People's Revisor | ONTP |
| LD 1669 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit the Action the Legislature May Take on Initiatives Approved by Voters for a Period of 3 Years | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1670 | Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature | ONTP |
| LD 1680 | An Act To Amend Legislative Expenses Reimbursement and Allowances | CARRIED OVER |

State Holidays, Designations, Symbols

Enacted

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| LD 183 | An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday | PUBLIC 140 |
| LD 193 | Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County | RESOLVE 15 |
| LD 232 | An Act To Recognize "My Sweet Maine" as Maine's Song of the 21st Century | PUBLIC 38 |
| LD 1123 | An Act To Authorize a Monument to the Victims of and First Responders to COVID-19 | PUBLIC 475 |
| LD 1441 | An Act To Create a James Weldon Johnson Annual Observance Day and an Observance Task Force | PUBLIC 287 |

Not Enacted

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| LD 100 | An Act To Establish the General Election Date in United States Presidential Election Years as a State Holiday | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 115 | An Act To Restore the Former State of Maine Flag | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 286 | An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday | Died Between Houses |

State of Emergency

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| LD 14 | An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Extend a State of Emergency | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 131 | An Act To Amend the Governor's Emergency Powers | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 628 | An Act To Protect Businesses and Civic and Religious Organizations from Actions Taken Pursuant to an Emergency Proclamation | Majority (ONTP) Report |

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| LD 729 | An Act To Provide Transparency Regarding State Contracts during a State of Emergency | Died Between Houses |
| LD 955 | An Act To Narrowly Tailor Emergency Powers of the Governor and Other Public Officials | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 980 | An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor's Emergency Powers | Report A (ONTP) |
| LD 985 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer Than 60 Days | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1019 | An Act To Promote Transparent Emergency Management | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1039 | An Act To Safeguard the People's Voice in a State of Emergency | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1137 | An Act To Limit the Governor's Emergency Powers by Requiring a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature To Continue an Emergency after 90 Days | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1142 | An Act To Prohibit the Unequal Restriction of Essential Businesses during a State of Civil Emergency | Majority (ONTP) Report |
| LD 1220 | An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature Every 2 Weeks To Maintain a State of Emergency Declared by the Governor | Report A (ONTP) |
| LD 1237 | An Act To Allow the Governor To Declare a Limited State of Emergency for Federal Aid Purposes | Majority (ONTP) Report |

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

DIGEST OF BILLS

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**Bills Referred to
 State and Local Government (SLG)**

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| SLG | 2 | An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ OTP-AM | | Enacted | PL | 21 | R1 |
| SLG | 14 | An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Extend a State of Emergency | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 91 | An Act To Update the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies | Reported Out | OTP | | Enacted | PL | 10 | R1 |
| SLG | 100 | An Act To Establish the General Election Date in United States Presidential Election Years as a State Holiday | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | R1 |
| SLG | 113 | An Act To Strengthen the Coequal Branches of Maine Government by Ensuring the Legislature Has Access to Necessary Information | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 115 | An Act To Restore the Former State of Maine Flag | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | R1 |
| SLG | 131 | An Act To Amend the Governor's Emergency Powers | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 153 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Number of Legislators Required To Approve a Constitutional Amendment | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | R1 |
| SLG | 158 | An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions | Reported Out | OTP-AM | | Enacted | PL | 36 | R1 |
| SLG | 183 | An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday | Reported Out | OTP/ OTP-AM | | Enacted | PL | 140 | S1 |
| SLG | 193 | Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County | Reported Out | OTP | | Finally Passed | RESLV | 15 | S1 |
| SLG | 232 | An Act To Recognize "My Sweet Maine" as Maine's Song of the 21st Century | Reported Out | OTP/ ONTP | | Enacted | PL | 38 | R1 |
| SLG | 243 | An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee | Reported Out | OTP-AM | | Enacted | PL | 55 | S1 |
| SLG | 286 | An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Died Between Houses | | | S1 |

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| SLG | 315 | Resolve, To Require State Departments To Report on Rule Changes within State Government since the Beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | Accepted Minority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 321 | An Act To Limit State Legislators to a Lifetime Total of 16 Years of Legislative Service | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 375 | An Act To Create Greater Accountability in the Office of County Sheriff | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 377 | An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses | Reported Out | OTP | <u>Emergency Enacted</u> | PL | 9 | R1 |
| SLG | 379 | An Act To Establish the Maine State Cemetery Commission | Carry Over Approved | | Carried Over In Comm | | | S1 |
| SLG | 383 | An Act Concerning Small Wireless Facilities in Maine | Carry Over Approved | | Carried Over In Comm | | | S1 |
| SLG | 408 | An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating the Operation of the Legislature | Carry Over Approved | | Carried Over In Comm | | | S1 |
| SLG | 434 | An Act To Clarify the Bonding Authority of Counties for Capital Maintenance Projects | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 442 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Create the Office of Lieutenant Governor | Reported Out | ONTP | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 446 | Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research and Recommend Solutions for Regional and Municipal Planning | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | Died On Adjournment | | | S1 |
| SLG | 462 | An Act To Reexamine the Relationship among County, Municipal and State Governments | Reported Out | ONTP | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 472 | Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a Major Substantive Rule of the Treasurer of State | Reported Out | OTP | <u>Emergency Finally Passed</u> | RESLV | 11 | S1 |
| SLG | 564 | Resolve, Directing the State Librarian and the State Archivist To Study Which State Agency Reports and Publications Do Not Need To Be Printed | Reported Out | OTP-AM | <u>Finally Passed</u> | RESLV | 19 | S1 |
| SLG | 584 | Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | Died On Adjournment | | | S1 |
| SLG | 596 | An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads | Reported Out | OTP | <u>Enacted</u> | PL | 145 | S1 |
| SLG | 608 | An Act Regarding the Governor's Emergency Powers | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |

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| SLG | 621 | An Act To Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Enacted | P&SL | 8 | S1 |
| SLG | 628 | An Act To Protect Businesses and Civic and Religious Organizations from Actions Taken Pursuant to an Emergency Proclamation | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 646 | An Act To Improve the Administration of Elections by Ensuring an Adequate Number of Poll Workers | Reported Out | ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 721 | An Act To Increase Transparency in Certain Expenditures of the Governor | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 729 | An Act To Provide Transparency Regarding State Contracts during a State of Emergency | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP | | Died Between Houses | | | S1 |
| SLG | 733 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Constitutional Officers To Be Elected by Statewide Election | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 753 | An Act To Increase Transparency in the Legislature by Removing Certain Freedom of Access Act Exemptions | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 755 | An Act Regarding Monhegan Plantation | Reported Out | ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 805 | An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 806 | An Act To Clarify That Municipal Officers May Accept a Proposed, Unaccepted Way for Pedestrian, Bicycle and Other Nonmotorized Use | Reported Out | ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 817 | Resolve, To Establish the COVID-19 Review Commission | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Died Between Houses | | | S1 |
| SLG | 826 | Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System To Study the Potential Effects of the State Adopting Atlantic Standard Time | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Finally Passed | RESLV | 86 | S1 |
| SLG | 835 | An Act To Allow Citizens To Petition Government Agencies To Repeal or Modify Occupational Regulations | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 859 | An Act To Allow Municipalities To Use Ranked-choice Voting in Municipal Elections | Carry Over Approved | | Carried Over In Comm | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 874 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the Popular Election of Maine Constitutional Officers | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Died Between Houses | | | S1 |

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| SLG | 875 | An Act To Protect Taxpayers in the Privatization of Services and To Establish the State Procurement Review Committee | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Enacted | PL | 332 | S1 |
| SLG | 876 | An Act To Promote Efficiency in County and Municipal Government | Reported Out | ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 889 | An Act Concerning Proportional Representation | Reported Out | ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 895 | An Act To Make Necessary Changes to State Law | Voted | OTP-AM | Carried Over In Comm | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 955 | An Act To Narrowly Tailor Emergency Powers of the Governor and Other Public Officials | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 974 | An Act To Ensure the Continuance of a Citizen Legislature by Tying Future Pay to the State Minimum Wage | Reported Out | ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 980 | An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor's Emergency Powers | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Report A (ONTP) | | | S1 |
| SLG | 985 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require Legislative Approval of Any State of Emergency Lasting Longer Than 60 Days | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1010 | An Act To Establish the Maine Service Fellows Program | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Enacted | PL | 155 | S1 |
| SLG | 1017 | An Act To Let the Citizens of the State Choose Their State Auditor | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Report A (ONTP) | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1018 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Allow the Citizens of the State To Elect the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and Attorney General | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1019 | An Act To Promote Transparent Emergency Management | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1034 | An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Enacted | PL | 436 | S1 |

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| SLG | 1039 | An Act To Safeguard the People's Voice in a State of Emergency | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1042 | An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Harmful Substances | Reported Out | OTP/ OTP- AM/ ONTP | | <u>Enacted</u> | <u>PL</u> | <u>262</u> | S1 |
| SLG | 1051 | An Act To Promote Civic Engagement and Voter Participation for Young People by Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections to 16 Years of Age | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1056 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Attorney General | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1057 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Secretary of State | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1058 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Treasurer of State | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1065 | An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | | <u>Enacted</u> | <u>PL</u> | <u>202</u> | S1 |
| SLG | 1073 | Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research Effective Strategies and Efficiencies of Legislatures | Reported Out | OTP-AM | Carried Over | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1088 | An Act To Allow Nonresidents Who Own Property To Speak at Town Meetings on Local Issues | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1108 | An Act To Promote Legislative Oversight of Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds | Reported Out | LTW | | Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1123 | An Act To Authorize a Monument to the Victims of and First Responders to COVID-19 | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ ONTP | | <u>Enacted</u> | <u>PL</u> | <u>475</u> | S1 |
| SLG | 1137 | An Act To Limit the Governor's Emergency Powers by Requiring a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature To Continue an Emergency after 90 Days | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1142 | An Act To Prohibit the Unequal Restriction of Essential Businesses during a State of Civil Emergency | Reported Out | ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1187 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Amending the Pardon Powers of the Governor | Carry Over Approved | | Carried Over In Comm | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1199 | An Act To Require Education and Training Regarding Media Literacy for Legislators and Legislative Staff | Reported Out | ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |

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| SLG | 1215 | Resolve, To Require the State Auditor To Report on Corrective Actions Regarding the Administration of Federal Grants | Reported Out OTP-AM | | Finally Passed | RESLV | 42 | S1 |
| SLG | 1220 | An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature Every 2 Weeks To Maintain a State of Emergency Declared by the Governor | Reported Out ONTP/ OTP-AM/OTP | | Accepted Report A (ONTP) | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1228 | An Act To Promote Transparency in Nonconsensual Towing and Roadside Assistance | Reported Out OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Enactment Failed | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1237 | An Act To Allow the Governor To Declare a Limited State of Emergency for Federal Aid Purposes | Reported Out ONTP/ OTP | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1256 | An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Legislation and Agency Rules | Reported Out ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1274 | An Act Regarding 2021 Municipal Elections and Town Meetings | Reported Out OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Emergency Enacted | PL | 333 | S1 |
| SLG | 1300 | An Act To Require County Governments To Coordinate with Municipalities To Create Plans To Address Homelessness | Reported Out OTP-AM/ ONTP | Carried On Approps Table | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1340 | An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws | Reported Out ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Died On Adjournment | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1365 | An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals | Reported Out ONTP/ OTP | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1366 | An Act To Require a Majority Vote of the Legislature for Maine To Join Any Multistate Compact | Reported Out ONTP/ OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1387 | An Act To Remove the Provision of Law Allowing a Legislator Who Resigns from Service as a Town Assessor To Continue To Serve Concurrently as a Selectman and as a Legislator | Reported Out ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1394 | An Act To Prohibit Legislators from Legislating While Intoxicated | Reported Out ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1411 | An Act To Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act | Reported Out OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Veto Sustained | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1441 | An Act To Create a James Weldon Johnson Annual Observance Day and an Observance Task Force | Reported Out OTP-AM/ ONTP | | Enacted | PL | 287 | S1 |

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| SLG | 1472 | An Act To Require Legislative Approval for the State's Participation in Compacts, Programs and Agreements Regarding Transportation and Climate Change | Reported Out | ONTP/OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1513 | An Act To Require the Maintenance of a Discontinued Public Road That Provides the Sole Access to One or More Residences | Carry Over Approved | | Carried Over In Comm | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1515 | An Act To Create a People's Revisor | Reported Out | ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1520 | An Act To Terminate the Augusta Downtown Parking District | Reported Out | OTP | | Enacted | P&SL | 5 | S1 |
| SLG | 1522 | An Act To Update and Eliminate References in Statute to Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ONTP | | Enacted | PL | 275 | S1 |
| SLG | 1536 | An Act Regarding Municipal Public Hearings on Citizen-initiated Municipal Referenda | Reported Out | OTP-AM | | Enacted | PL | 185 | S1 |
| SLG | 1610 | An Act To Promote Equity in Policy Making by Enhancing the State's Ability To Collect, Analyze and Apply Data | Carry Over Approved | | Carried Over In Comm | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1658 | An Act To Increase Campaign Finance Transparency and Accountability in Municipal Elections | Carry Over Approved | | Carried Over In Comm | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1669 | RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Limit the Action the Legislature May Take on Initiatives Approved by Voters for a Period of 3 Years | Reported Out | ONTP/OTP-AM | | Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1670 | Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature | Reported Out | ONTP | | Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1671 | Resolve, To Require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety To Develop Short-term and Long-term Plans for Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House | Reported Out | OTP-AM/ONTP | Carried On Approps Table | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1680 | An Act To Amend Legislative Expenses Reimbursement and Allowances | Reported Out | OTP-AM | Carried On Approps Table | | | | S1 |
| SLG | 1723 | An Act Regarding Winter Maintenance on Private Roads in the Town of Windham | Reported Out | OTP-AM | | Emergency Enacted | P&SL | 10 | S1 |

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LD 2 An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 21 requires a state agency or the designee of a commissioner or director of a state agency to provide, upon the request of a committee of the Legislature, data, analysis and other information in its possession that is necessary for the Legislature to prepare a racial impact statement. A racial impact statement is an assessment of the potential impact that legislation could have on historically disadvantaged racial populations.

Public Law 2021, chapter 21 also requires the Legislative Council to conduct a study to determine the best method to establish and implement a system for using racial impact statements in the legislative process. The study must be completed and a report with findings produced by November 1, 2021. Based on the reported findings of the study, the Legislative Council is required to implement, by December 1, 2021, a pilot project for the limited use of racial impact statements in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. Any joint standing committee that participates in the pilot project is required to report to the Legislative Council on its use of racial impact statements no later than 30 days following adjournment of the Second Regular Session. The Legislative Council is required to make a recommendation to the Legislative Council of the 131st Legislature, no later than December 5, 2022, on whether to expand or eliminate the use of racial impact statements.

LD 91 An Act To Update the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 10 amends the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies. It replaces an outdated reference to the federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 by referring to uniform guidance under 2 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200. It updates the dollar thresholds for the annual financial reporting requirements to conform with that guidance. It also repeals provisions establishing the Advisory Committee to the Commissioner and requiring the commissioner to submit annual reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the implementation of the law.

LD 158 An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 36 eliminates those boards and commissions that did not file annual reports with the Secretary of State in either 2018 or 2019 or that filed a report that indicated inactivity for 2018 and 2019 and for which testimony was not received requesting the board or commission not be eliminated. The boards and commissions eliminated are:

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1. Maine Biomedical Research Board;
2. Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board;
3. Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority;
4. Pollution Prevention and Small Business Assistance Advisory Panel;
5. Prison Industries Advisory Council; and
6. Regulatory Fairness Board.

LD 183 An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 140 establishes June 19th of each year as a state holiday, Juneteenth Independence Day.

LD 193 Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 15 names a certain mountain located at the south end of Twitchell Pond in the Town of Greenwood, lying opposite Rowe's Ledge and north of Sheepskin Bog and unofficially known as Jason's Mountain or Oak Hill, as Jason's Mountain.

LD 232 An Act To Recognize "My Sweet Maine" as Maine's Song of the 21st Century

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 38 establishes the song "My Sweet Maine," written by Terry Swett, as Maine's official song of the 21st century.

LD 243 An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 55 requires the county commissioners of Piscataquis County to appoint one member to the Piscataquis County Budget Committee who is a resident of an unorganized territory located in the county and permits the county commissioners to appoint one other resident

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of an unorganized territory located in the county to the budget committee. This law requires the appointment of members to the Budget Committee be done in a manner established by the county commissioners.

LD 377 An Act To Allow Public Members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission To Receive Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 9 allows the expenses of members of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission to be reimbursed.

Public Law 2021, chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 17, 2021.

LD 472 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a Major Substantive Rule of the Treasurer of State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 11 authorizes for final adoption of Chapter 104: Certain Payments Not Immediate, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Treasurer of State.

Resolve 2021, chapter 11 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2021.

LD 564 Resolve, Directing the State Librarian and the State Archivist To Study Which State Agency Reports and Publications Do Not Need To Be Printed

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 19 directs the State Librarian and the State Archivist to study the potential cost savings from eliminating the requirement that state agencies or departments provide printed copies of certain reports and other publications. The State Librarian and the State Archivist shall provide the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government with a report and suggested legislation by December 1, 2021. The committee is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 596 An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 145 repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 3028 and enacts a new section. Section 3028 created a presumption of abandonment of a town way not kept

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passable for the use of motor vehicles at the expense of the municipality or county for a period of 30 or more consecutive years. The new section, section 3028-A, replaces the presumption with a process for a municipality to follow should it choose to declare a town way abandoned.

The process includes notice to abutting property owners, property owners for whom the town way is the only means of access and adjacent municipalities and counties. It provides for a public hearing process and an appeals process. The law limits a public easement retained in a town way discontinued by abandonment to rights of access by foot or motor vehicle, which are the limits of public easements laid out by a municipality through its eminent domain powers in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 3022.

LD 621 An Act To Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 8 requires the legislative apportionment commission to develop two apportionment plans for Franklin County, one plan dividing Franklin County into three commissioner districts and one plan dividing the county into five commissioner districts. In the election held in November 2021, the Franklin County Commissioners are required to submit a referendum question to the voters asking whether they favor dividing Franklin County into five districts. If the referendum question passes with a majority vote, the apportionment commission is required to submit an apportionment plan dividing Franklin County into three districts until 2024 and five districts thereafter. The terms of office of the commissioners under the three-district plan expire in 2024 and the terms of office of the commissioners under the five-district plan are staggered. If the referendum question does not pass, the apportionment commission is required to submit an apportionment plan dividing Franklin County into three districts with the terms of office of the commissioners based on current law.

LD 826 Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System To Study the Potential Effects of the State Adopting Atlantic Standard Time

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 86 directs the University of Maine System to study and analyze, within available resources, the potential effects on the State's economy of the State adopting permanent Atlantic Standard Time and determine if that adoption will serve the convenience of commerce as required by the United States Department of Transportation. A report must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by February 15, 2022. The Joint Standing Committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Funding for the study must be through private donations to the University of Maine System. If sufficient resources are not available, the University of Maine System is not obligated to undertake work under this Resolve.

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LD 875 An Act To Protect Taxpayers in the Privatization of Services and To Establish the State Procurement Review Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 332 sets out requirements that must be met when a state agency seeks to enter into a contract to privatize services being provided by state agency employees. The requirements include:

1. Prior to issuing a request for proposals, an agency must determine the minimum wage rate it pays the employees providing the services, the percentage of health insurance plan coverage provided by the State for those employees and their dependents and the cost to the agency to provide the services;
2. The agency employees, through an employee organization, may submit a bid to provide the services;
3. An employee organization representing employees who will be displaced or terminated if the services are privatized may offer an amendment to the collective bargaining agreement that will lower the agency's cost to provide the services;
4. All bids and subsequent privatization contracts must pay the established minimum wage rate, provide comparable health insurance coverage and pay at least the same percentage for health insurance plan coverage as paid by the agency to employees providing the services and their dependents prior to the privatization;
5. The bid and successful contractor must offer employment to any agency employee displaced or terminated because of the privatization of services who meets the contractor's nondiscriminatory hiring criteria;
6. A privatization contract may not be executed if the total cost of the contract, including transition costs to move services from the agency to the contractor, is more than the agency's estimation of its cost to provide the services;
7. All calculations, documents and other relevant materials must be submitted to the Attorney General and the Attorney General may choose to review the materials and may request additional information during any such review;
8. An employee organization may request the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services review the written statement prepared by the agency seeking to privatize services. The Commissioner is required to provide a response to such a request within 15 business days, and the Commissioner's decision is considered final agency action for purposes of judicial review; and

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9. The Attorney General may intervene at any stage of the privatization process and has the authority to bring an action to prevent or enjoin privatization in appropriate cases.

Public Law 2021, chapter 332 also establishes the State Procurement Review Committee to oversee requests for proposals, contracts and grants and renewals, extensions, amendments and other alterations to existing contracts and grants valued over \$1,000,000. The Office of the Attorney General must be consulted when the value equals or exceeds \$3,000,000.

LD 1010 An Act To Establish the Maine Service Fellows Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 155 establishes the Maine Service Fellows Program under the Maine Commission for Community Service. The commission is directed to design and implement the program in a manner that will increase the opportunities for citizens to devote a year of service to Maine communities; attract to and retain in Maine motivated adults who have completed a college degree within the prior five years to apply their skills and abilities to projects for the benefit of Maine citizens; provide rural and underserved Maine communities a resource to address critical health and human, public safety, education and environmental needs; and strengthen civic engagement of both the program participants and community residents through solutions based, in whole or in part in volunteer service. The commission is also required to establish an advisory committee to guide the launch of the program and to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters no later than January 30, 2024.

LD 1034 An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations and To Establish Staffing For The Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 436 provides legislative per diem compensation and expense reimbursement to the members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations. It establishes the position of executive director of the commission and authorizes the director to hire appropriate staff to support the work of the commission. It allocates funds to support the newly created positions and to support the work of the commission.

LD 1042 An Act To Protect State Workers from Exposure to Harmful Substances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 262 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to inventory all state-owned buildings where state employees perform job duties to determine the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold and other substances that may

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be harmful to human health. It requires property owners of buildings leased to the State to conduct a similar inventory and report the results to the bureau. The law requires the bureau to establish and maintain a database containing the results of the inventories and make the database readily accessible electronically to employee collective bargaining agents, employees working in state office buildings with asbestos, lead, black mold or other substances that may be harmful to human health, individuals who perform maintenance, repair or custodial services, firefighters, the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. It requires the database to be consulted before maintenance of or repair to a state-owned building by a state employee and the provision of protective gear to the employee if appropriate. The department may adopt rules to implement these requirements and is required to submit a biennial report to the joint standing committee regarding the conditions of the buildings.

LD 1065 An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 202 clarifies that a candidate for county sheriff must either be currently certified as a law enforcement officer and in compliance with the training requirement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2804-C or be a previously certified law enforcement officer who agrees to meet the requirements of Title 25, section 2804-C within one year of taking office. It requires all county sheriffs to continually meet the in-service law enforcement training standards under Title 25, section 2804-E and any other statutory requirements of preservice, basic or in-service law enforcement training required for certification or continued certification as a law enforcement officer. It provides that a full-time law enforcement officer employed by a municipal police department or state agency, before July 1, 1990 is deemed to have met the minimum qualifications for county sheriff candidates.

LD 1123 An Act To Authorize a Monument to the Victims of and First Responders to COVID-19

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 475 permits the State House and Capitol Park Commission to arrange for a monument honoring the victims of and first responders to the COVID-19 pandemic to be placed on the exterior grounds of the State House. It requires the commission to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the status of the commission's work by January 31, 2022, including the commission's efforts in soliciting artistic designs for the monument. It authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature on the subject matter of the report.

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LD 1215 Resolve, To Require the State Auditor To Report on Corrective Actions Regarding the Administration of Federal Grants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 42 requires the State Auditor to issue a report on the compliance of state agencies with findings and corrective actions issued by the State Auditor as part of an audit of the agencies regarding the administration of federal grants. The report must contain all the outstanding corrective actions that have not been taken and are listed on the prior audit status of single audit reports of all agencies for the immediate five complete fiscal years prior to the effective date of this resolve and any recommendations as to further corrective action or audit needed. The report shall be submitted, by December 2, 2022 to each joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the same policy and substantive matters as a state agency included in the report. Each committee may report out a bill based on the report to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1274 An Act Regarding 2021 Municipal Elections and Town Meetings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 333, which is retroactive to January 15, 2021 and is repealed on the earlier of June 30, 2022 and the end of the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the outbreak of COVID-19, does the following.

1. It deems approved a municipal budget that was approved or deemed approved in the prior year if an annual budget meeting is delayed beyond the date an annual budget is customarily submitted to a legislative body of a municipality for approval due to public health concerns arising from COVID-19.
2. It permits municipal assessors to commit property taxes on the basis of a municipal budget deemed approved.
3. It permits a municipal treasurer to disburse money on the authority of a warrant drawn for that purpose seen and signed individually by a majority of the municipal officers outside of a public meeting, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5603, subsection 2, paragraph A or any other law or municipal charter provision or ordinance to the contrary, for the duration of the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and for 30 days following its termination.
4. It permits municipal officers during the calendar year 2021 to postpone the date of a scheduled secret ballot election for which nomination papers have already been issued or filed by posting notice in a conspicuous public location at least two days prior to the date of the election. The notice must be signed by a majority of the municipal officers and must either state a specific date and time during which the polls will be open to complete the election or state that the date of a rescheduled election will be determined by the municipal officers.

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5. It provides that any secret ballot election rescheduled under this law must be noticed by a warrant calling the election that is approved and posted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2523 at least seven days prior to the date of the rescheduled election.
6. It permits municipalities to use ballots that were printed for a postponed secret ballot election despite the inclusion of the original election date.
7. It requires municipalities to use ballots that were printed for an originally scheduled secret ballot election if absentee ballots have been issued and returned.
8. It requires a municipal clerk to safeguard and secure any absentee ballots already returned until the date of a rescheduled secret ballot election and process them as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A.
9. It permits a municipal clerk to issue and accept absentee ballots and applications and to allow voting in the presence of the clerk pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A during the period between the originally scheduled secret ballot election and the rescheduled secret ballot election.
10. It applies the rescheduling, ballot and absentee ballot provisions of this law to municipal secret ballot referendum elections.
11. It permits a hearing required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2528, subsection 5 or municipal charter before a referendum vote to be held via remote means.
12. It suspends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2528, subsection 1 to allow the municipal officers of any municipality that has not voted to accept secret ballot voting to do so during the state of emergency and allows elected officials in those municipalities to remain in office until an election is called pursuant to Title 30-A, section 2525.
13. It permits a municipal officer to file with the clerk an order establishing the wording of any referendum question by the 30th day before a referendum election, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statute, Title 30-A, section 2528, subsections 4 and 5.
14. It suspends during the state of emergency the requirement under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5721-A, subsection 7, paragraph A for a written ballot to exceed or increase the property tax levy at an open town hall meeting and permits the use of either a show of hands or a voice vote.

Public Law 2021, chapter 333 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2021.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LD 1441 An Act To Create a James Weldon Johnson Annual Observance Day and an Observance Task Force

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 287 establishes June 17th as James Weldon Johnson Day in honor of writer and civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson and requires the Governor to issue an annual proclamation. The law directs the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to establish a James Weldon Johnson observance task force to develop ideas for continuing James Weldon Johnson's work to end systemic racism and to explore opportunities for memorializing the life of James Weldon Johnson. The Commission is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the status of the task force by January 5, 2022.

LD 1520 An Act To Terminate the Augusta Downtown Parking District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 5 repeals the Augusta Downtown Parking District created by Private and Special Law 1947, chapter 124.

LD 1522 An Act To Update and Eliminate References in Statute to Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 275 amends several sections of the Maine Revised Statutes to replace the phrases: "board of selectmen" with "select board"; "overseer of the poor" with "board of overseers"; and in most instances, "selectmen" with "member of the select board."

LD 1536 An Act Regarding Municipal Public Hearings on Citizen-initiated Municipal Referenda

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 185 clarifies that the public hearing required to be held by municipal officers on an article initiated by written petition must solicit and allow for a discussion on the merits of the article.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LD 1723 An Act Regarding Winter Maintenance on Private Roads in the Town of Windham

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 10 permits the Town of Windham to:

1. Continue providing winter maintenance to certain private ways in the town for public health and safety reasons;
2. Create a roster and map of the private ways on which the town provides winter maintenance;
3. Develop basic maintenance standards for the private ways on which the town provides winter maintenance;
4. Suspend or cease to perform winter maintenance on private ways under certain conditions;
5. Enact an ordinance to provide for winter maintenance of certain private ways in the town or to otherwise effectuate the provisions of this law; and
6. Submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government detailing the town's progress toward conforming the use of public funds for winter maintenance on private ways with constitutional and statutory requirements, including assessments from the town's police chief and fire-rescue chief on the connection between winter maintenance on certain private ways and public health and safety and an assessment of whether winter maintenance of its designated private ways has an environmental impact on the surrounding water bodies.

Private and Public Law, chapter 10 prevents a road association or property owners benefited by a private way receiving winter maintenance from the town from asserting a claim that the private way has become a town way by any method or mechanism other than dedication and acceptance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 3025.

Private and Special Law, chapter 10 is repealed on June 30, 2022.

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 10 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2021.