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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 297, L.D. 739, “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Empower the Legislature to Allow the Expungement or Sealing of Certain Criminal Records”

Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "**Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. Third, §24**" (page 1, lines 4 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. Third, §24** is enacted to read:

**Section 24. Power to expunge or seal criminal records.** *The Legislature may enact laws to allow for the expungement or sealing of a criminal record at a time and in a manner the Legislature determines to be appropriate following the completion of a sentence served by a person convicted of certain crimes, as the Legislature considers best to rehabilitate convicted persons, protect the public safety and advance restorative justice. The expungement or sealing of a criminal record does not interfere with the Governor's power to remit after conviction all forfeitures and penalties and to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons under Article V, Part First, Section 11.'*

Amend the resolution by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment specifies that the Legislature may enact laws to allow for the expungement or sealing of a criminal record at a time and in a manner the Legislature determines appropriate. The amendment also distinguishes the expungement or sealing from the Governor's powers under Article V, Part First, Section 11 of the Constitution of Maine.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**