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LD 2008 Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 183 establishes the 16-member Committee To Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder. The study committee is directed to explore the legal issues and best medical practices and related issues concerning substance use disorder treatment that either is involuntary or includes some form of leverage to ensure adherence to treatment. The study committee shall submit a report that summarizes its activities and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary for presentation to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. The study committee is required to seek outside funding for the costs of the study.

Resolve 2021, chapter 183 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2022.

LD 2022 An Act To Amend the Judicial Districts and Divisions for York County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 633 changes provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4 to align the statutes with the future location of the District Court in York County. Chapter 633 takes effect January 1, 2023.

LD 2023 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Secretary of State Regarding Notarial Acts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 651 implements the recommendations of the Secretary of State's study on remote and online notarization pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 337. It is based on the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts as approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) in 2018.

Chapter 651 retains the current law's strong conflict of interest protections prohibiting performance of a notarial act for an immediate family member, except in the case of a marriage ceremony, and includes the uniform law's additional restriction on notarial acts involving records in which the notary public or notary public's family member has a direct beneficial interest. It also includes identical language from the current Maine statute for the corporate conflict of interest provision and uses substantively the same language from the current Maine statute that prohibits a notary public from notarizing the petitions for a referendum campaign in which the notary public is otherwise involved.