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9. It authorizes county and municipal candidates, and legislative candidates in a primary election, to make an online affirmation that they will not receive contributions or make expenditures to promote their elections in order to obtain an exemption from campaign finance reporting.
10. It requires the commission to send two written notices by regular mail and e-mail before initiating any penalty proceeding when a committee or other person fails to file a campaign finance report.
11. It eliminates the requirement for the commission to post a public list of candidates and political committees that have filed campaign finance reports late.
12. It clarifies that an organization that receives contributions or makes expenditures exceeding \$5,000 to influence a municipal referendum in a town or city with a population of less than 15,000 must register and file campaign finance reports with the commission.
13. It requires text messages transmitted with the assistance of mass distribution technology that expressly advocate for or against a ballot question to disclose the name of the person that financed the messages when that person has spent more than \$500 on the messaging campaign.
14. It requires account statements maintained by political action committees and ballot question committees to cover the financial activity in the committee's campaign account generally, not just the committee's deposits.
15. It clarifies that state campaign finance law applies to the financial activities of candidates, party committees, political action committees and others to influence elections for municipal office in towns and cities with a population of 15,000 or more.
16. It clarifies that disclaimer, record-keeping and other requirements in state campaign finance law pertaining to ballot question elections apply to municipal referenda and initiatives.
17. It exempts certain telephone calls from the requirements applicable to political communications.
18. It removes certain notices that the commission is required to provide when certain reports have not been filed.

LD 33 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 95 updates the definition of “fantasy contest” to mean a game or contest in which two or more contestants, none of which may be the fantasy contest operator, pay an entry fee to participate. It also provides that the director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety collects for deposit to the General Fund 10% of gross fantasy contest

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revenues, including any revenue earned while operating pending approval of an application, regardless of the amount of the fantasy contest operator's revenues.

LD 57 An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 97 makes several changes that enable Maine National Guard commanders to more efficiently effect disciplinary measures through the Maine Code of Military Justice.

LD 58 An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 98 changes the titles of positions that must be filled by veterans that may be employed by the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to more closely align with current human resources job descriptions. It also adds several positions to the list of positions in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services that must be filled by veterans and corrects a cross-reference.

LD 108 An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 131 allows the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services to release information regarding a deceased person's military service to the Department of the Attorney General, Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the purposes of suicide reporting and prevention.

LD 126 An Act to Expand the Use of the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 57 removes the requirement for the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a program of partnerships with human services-based volunteer organizations in order to make disbursements from the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund. The law