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LD 119 An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 194 includes the declaration of an emergency by the President of the United States as a basis to allow the Governor to provide disaster relief to local governments.

LD 129 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Dedimus Justices

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 273 amends the law governing dedimus justices in the following ways.

1. It sets the term of a dedimus justice's commission as a seven-year term. It exempts dedimus justices appointed prior to October 1, 2025 from the seven-year term provision.
2. It requires dedimus justices to provide written notice to the Governor and the Secretary of State of changes in name, residence or mailing address, e-mail address or telephone number.
3. It provides a process for a dedimus justice to resign the dedimus justice's commission.

The law also directs the Secretary of State to send a mailing to each person designated prior to October 1, 2025 as a dedimus justice pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 4 to request in return the person's updated contact information, including the person's residence or mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number. It requires that the mailing must also include information about the recent changes to Title 5, section 4 and make clear that a dedimus justice designated prior to October 1, 2025 is exempt from the new term length requirement. Additionally, the mailing must explain how these recent changes provide the opportunity for a dedimus justice to resign the dedimus justice's commission.

Public Law 2025, chapter 273 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2025.

LD 135 An Act to Provide Compensation to Members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Enhance Equitable Commission Participation from Across the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 177 authorizes members of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to receive mileage and toll reimbursement for up to two meetings per year.