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LD 267 An Act Regarding the Remote Appearance of Counsel in Pretrial Nontestimonial Criminal Matters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 178 requires a court to schedule pretrial nontestimonial criminal matters in a manner that permits the appearance of counsel by remote methods, to the greatest extent possible, unless the court orders otherwise in the interests of justice.

LD 284 An Act to Update Major Policy-influencing Positions Within the Maine Human Rights Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 450 designates the position of Commission Counsel as a major policy-influencing position within the Maine Human Rights Commission. The law also eliminates a reference to the position of Chief Compliance Officer, which is a position that no longer exists.

LD 353 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 104 establishes the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State. The commission is required to make findings and recommendations for preventing deed fraud in the State, including recommendations for enhanced public awareness of deed fraud and any suggested legislation for enhancing identity verification requirements for real estate transactions in the State and for improving the civil and criminal remedies available in the State. The law requires the commission to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by December 3, 2025 and the joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 104 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2025.

LD 385 An Act to Protect Communications by Alleged Victims Regarding Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Cyberbullying or Discrimination from Litigation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 403 amends the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act by protecting from causes of action a communication made by a person without malice regarding an incident of sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, cyberbullying or discrimination experienced by the person, who has or at any time had a reasonable basis to file a complaint concerning the