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LD 1302 An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Consideration of Deorganization of That Municipality

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 212 modifies the provision of law governing voter petition for the deorganization of a municipality. That law had previously required a written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 50% of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, but not fewer than 10 voters, to request a municipal meeting to discuss and determine whether the municipality should deorganize. Public Law 2025, chapter 212 removes the stipulation that the petition must be signed by at least 10 voters.

LD 1303 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Qualifications for the State Auditor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 287 amends the qualifications to be eligible for the office of State Auditor. It also revises language regarding the circumstances under which the deputy auditor is required to perform the duties of the State Auditor.

LD 1462 An Act to Promote Artisans and the Creative Economy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 319 provides that a municipality may not adopt or enforce any ordinance or regulation that prohibits the vending of expressive matter, except a municipality may adopt restrictions regulating the time, place and manner of the vending of expressive matter if the restrictions meet certain conditions. “Expressive matter” is defined as materials or objects created by a vendor with expressive content, including written material, such as newspapers, books or writings, and visual art, such as paintings, prints, photography or sculpture.

LD 1483 An Act to Validate Certain Referendum Proceedings Conducted by the City of South Portland

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 6 validates certain referendum proceedings conducted by the City of South Portland on November 5, 2024. It authorizes the City of South Portland to enter into contracts and issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to finance school maintenance and improvements and \$3,000,000 to finance school safety improvements. The law also validates the actions taken by the voters of the city to ratify and approve a charter amendment regarding the disposition of certain city-owned property and clarifies the City of South