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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

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES

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Portland's charter is amended to reflect the approved changes as set forth in the charter amendment question.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 6 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 9, 2025.

LD 1494 Resolve, Directing the Office of Procurement Services to Study Adapting the Procurement Process to the State Climate Action Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 70 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Procurement Services to coordinate with all executive branch departments, agencies, offices, boards and commissions to study adapting the State's procurement program to the state climate action plan and to report its findings and recommendations no later than December 3, 2025 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, which is authorized to report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Procurement Services must exclude from the study procurements conducted by the Public Utilities Commission for energy or transmission infrastructure pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A.

LD 1542 An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 290 requires the Washington County commissioners to select, by majority vote, one member who is a resident of the unorganized territory in Washington County who has not served in or been employed by Washington County government within the past three years and is not a current employee of Washington County government as a voting member of the budget advisory committee to serve a three-year term. It also requires the Washington County legislative delegation to select by majority vote, by October 15, 2025 and by October 15th of every odd-numbered year thereafter, one member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve on the budget advisory committee for a two-year term as a voting member. The Washington County legislative delegation was previously required by law to annually select one member of the delegation who resides in Washington County to serve as a nonvoting member on the budget advisory committee.