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**117th Legislature (1994-1996)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1847 / SP0739

Original Title: An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Laws to Include Policy-influencing and Fact-finding Advisory Boards and Commissions in the Definition of Public Proceedings. New Title: An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Laws to Include Advisory Boards and Commissions in the Definition of Public Proceedings. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.) Presented by President BUTLAND of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, MILLS of Somerset, PENDEXTER of Cumberland, Representative: FITZPATRICK of Durham. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 03/20/96. OTP-AM Accepted 03/28/96. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) S-529. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/02/96, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 608.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1847 \(117th Legis. 1996\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1847 / PL 1995, c. 608](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-529\) \(LD 1847 1996\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, March 13, 1996 \(H1691-1716\)](#)

- p. H-1699

[SENATE, March 13, 1996 \(S1871-1879\)](#)

- p. S-1873

[SENATE, March 27, 1996 \(S1989-2002\)](#)

- p. S-1994 (Amendment(s) S-529)

[SENATE, March 27, 1996 \(S1989-2002\)](#)

- p. S-1998 (Amendment(s) S-529)

[HOUSE, March 28, 1996 \(H1883-1925\)](#)

- p. H-1889 (Amendment(s) S-529)

[HOUSE, March 29, 1996 \(H1926-1982\)](#)

- p. H-1965 (Amendment(s) S-529)

[SENATE, March 29, 1996 \(S2037-2065\)](#)

- p. S-2061 (Amendment(s) S-529)

**Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 1995, c. 608](#)

**News Articles**

- Legislature urged to open meetings (Higgins, A. Jay) (Bangor Daily News, 3/21/1996) •  
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