

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1705 AN ACT RELATING TO THE POSITION OF COUNSEL FOR THE MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION Soule PL 1983, c. 550 (new draft LD 1439)

SUMMARY: Creates a position of Counsel for the Maine Human Rights Commission to act on behalf of the Commission. This position is independent of the Attorney General's office and will be able to represent the Commission in actions against the state eliminating the need to hire private counsel.

1712 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR ACQUIRING THOSE AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED POTENTIAL PASSAMAQUODDY INDIAN TERRITORY Vose PL 1983, c. 493 (new draft LD 1136)

SUMMARY: Extends the time the Passamaquoddy Tribe can purchase land that can be designated Passamaquoddy Indian territory from January 1, 1983 to January 1, 1985. This Act has been approved by the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

1713 AN ACT RELATING TO PENOBSCOT NATION TRUST LAND DESIGNATION Pearson PL 1983, c. 494 (new draft of LD 193)

SUMMARY: Extends the time the Penobscot Nation can purchase land that can be designated Penobscot Indian Territory from January 1, 1983 to January 1, 1985. This Act has been approved by the Penobscot Indian Nation.

1716 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF PERIODS OF IMPRISONMENT Connolly PL 1983, c. 456 (new draft LD 1279)

SUMMARY: Simplifies the calculation of good time earned by inmates by establishing a uniform method of calculation for all inmates. It provides an additional day per month of good time for inmates who fulfill work and other responsibilities which are deemed to be of sufficient importance and adds 2 more days of good time per month during the last 18 months for certain work-related behavior.

1719 AN ACT TO PREVENT UNJUST ENRICHMENT BY RETENTION OF SURPLUS UPON FORECLOSURE OF MUNICIPALITIES AND SEWER DISTRICTS Najarian HELD IN COMMITTEE (new draft LD 1479)

SUMMARY: Current law allows municipalities or sewer or sanitary districts that foreclose on real estate for delinquent taxes or fees to retain any surplus from the sale of that real estate regardless of the size of the surplus. This legislation sought to remit that surplus, less the expenses involved in the sale and the delinquent payments, to the owner of record of the property. It has been held in committee until the next regular session.