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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Town meetings and regional school unit budget meetings may not be conducted using remote methods.

These provisions do not apply to the Legislature or to any public bodies whose proceedings are specifically addressed by statute.

Public Law 2021, chapter 290 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 21, 2021.

### **LD 132 An Act To Implement the Attorney General's Recommendations on Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 460 requires all law enforcement agencies, beginning July 1, 2023, to collect information about each person stopped for a traffic infraction. The information must include the characteristics of race, color, ethnicity, gender and age of those persons. The identification of such characteristics must be based on the observation and perception of the law enforcement officer responsible for reporting the stop. The person stopped may not be required to provide the information. The information must also include whether a warning or citation was issued, an arrest was made or a search was conducted as a result of the stop. Each law enforcement agency must report the information to the Attorney General, who is required to report the information, along with analysis and any recommendations, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters and criminal justice and public safety matters beginning January 15, 2024 and annually thereafter. The report must be made available to the public.

The Attorney General is directed to adopt rules governing the recording, retention and reporting of the information. In adopting the rules, the Attorney General must consult with the Commissioner of Public Safety and other interested parties, including law enforcement agencies and community, professional, research, civil liberties and civil rights organizations and persons with lived experience of being profiled. The Attorney General must ensure that the parties consulted represent the racial and ethnic diversity of the State.