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LD 2 An Act To Require the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 21 requires a state agency or the designee of a commissioner or director of a state agency to provide, upon the request of a committee of the Legislature, data, analysis and other information in its possession that is necessary for the Legislature to prepare a racial impact statement. A racial impact statement is an assessment of the potential impact that legislation could have on historically disadvantaged racial populations.

Public Law 2021, chapter 21 also requires the Legislative Council to conduct a study to determine the best method to establish and implement a system for using racial impact statements in the legislative process. The study must be completed and a report with findings produced by November 1, 2021. Based on the reported findings of the study, the Legislative Council is required to implement, by December 1, 2021, a pilot project for the limited use of racial impact statements in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. Any joint standing committee that participates in the pilot project is required to report to the Legislative Council on its use of racial impact statements no later than 30 days following adjournment of the Second Regular Session. The Legislative Council is required to make a recommendation to the Legislative Council of the 131st Legislature, no later than December 5, 2022, on whether to expand or eliminate the use of racial impact statements.

LD 91 An Act To Update the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 10 amends the Maine Uniform Accounting and Auditing Practices Act for Community Agencies. It replaces an outdated reference to the federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 by referring to uniform guidance under 2 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200. It updates the dollar thresholds for the annual financial reporting requirements to conform with that guidance. It also repeals provisions establishing the Advisory Committee to the Commissioner and requiring the commissioner to submit annual reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the implementation of the law.

LD 158 An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 36 eliminates those boards and commissions that did not file annual reports with the Secretary of State in either 2018 or 2019 or that filed a report that indicated inactivity for 2018 and 2019 and for which testimony was not received requesting the board or commission not be eliminated. The boards and commissions eliminated are:

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1. Maine Biomedical Research Board;
2. Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Advisory Board;
3. Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority;
4. Pollution Prevention and Small Business Assistance Advisory Panel;
5. Prison Industries Advisory Council; and
6. Regulatory Fairness Board.

LD 183 An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 140 establishes June 19th of each year as a state holiday, Juneteenth Independence Day.

LD 193 Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 15 names a certain mountain located at the south end of Twitchell Pond in the Town of Greenwood, lying opposite Rowe's Ledge and north of Sheepskin Bog and unofficially known as Jason's Mountain or Oak Hill, as Jason's Mountain.

LD 232 An Act To Recognize "My Sweet Maine" as Maine's Song of the 21st Century

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 38 establishes the song "My Sweet Maine," written by Terry Swett, as Maine's official song of the 21st century.

LD 243 An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 55 requires the county commissioners of Piscataquis County to appoint one member to the Piscataquis County Budget Committee who is a resident of an unorganized territory located in the county and permits the county commissioners to appoint one other resident