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STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Public law 2021, chapter 207 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2021.

LD 719 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 104 establishes the Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch including Legislators and interested parties to create a plan describing how a probate system with full-time judges can be created and funded. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary has authority to report out a bill regarding the plan to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 737 An Act To Increase the Value of Property Exempt from Attachment and Execution

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 382 makes changes to the provisions governing the property of a debtor that is exempt from attachment and execution by adjusting values for some of the exemptions. It provides for an adjustment of the exemptions every three years and directs the Supreme Judicial Court to publish the adjustment for an effective date of April 1st for the following year.

LD 747 An Act Regarding Civil Mental Health Evaluations of Former Criminal Defendants

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 306 addresses circumstances in which a defendant has been determined to be incompetent to stand trial and there does not exist a substantial probability that the defendant will be competent in the foreseeable future. In such cases, the court must dismiss the charges and the next step is determined by whether the defendant is subject to an undischarged term of imprisonment. If the defendant is not subject to an undischarged term of imprisonment, regardless of the charges that were dismissed, the court may notify the appropriate authorities who may institute civil commitment proceedings. If the defendant is subject to an undischarged term of imprisonment, the court must order the defendant into execution of that sentence and the correctional facility to which the defendant is transported must execute the court's order.