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under rules adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court. Chapter 684 directs the Supreme Judicial Court to adopt amendments to the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure, Rule 4, Arrest Warrant or Summons, effective on the date of the establishment of the statewide electronic warrant system, to provide for the application, issuance and return of arrest warrants and search warrants through electronic means. Chapter 684 provides ongoing funding for an eWarrant System and for technology costs to ensure judges and justices can access the eWarrant System off-site.

LD 840 An Act To Prevent Power Line Electrocutions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 618 amends the Overhead High-voltage Line Safety Act to limit the indemnification of the owner or operator of an overhead high-voltage line when the owner's or operator's negligence contributes to damages to facilities or injuries to persons. To the extent employers are liable under workers' compensation laws when employees are injured, employers are immune from the payment of damages under the Overhead High-voltage Line Safety Act.

LD 842 Resolve, To Create the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 126 establishes the Commission To Examine Reestablishing Parole, consisting of 13 members, five of whom are Legislators. The commission may request the current members of the Department of Corrections, State Parole Board as well as others to serve as consultants to the commission. The commission must report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by December 1, 2022.

LD 853 An Act To Increase the Fees Paid to Sheriffs and Their Deputies for Service of Civil Process Documents

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 739 amends the laws concerning the fees and travel reimbursement paid to sheriffs and their deputies for service of civil process documents by increasing these fees and providing that the travel reimbursement rate must be at least the same rate as that paid to state employees. It includes funding for payment of the fees and travel reimbursement for the Department of Health and Human Services and the Judicial Branch.