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LD 882 Resolve, To Direct the Office of Marijuana Policy To Convene Stakeholder Meetings Regarding the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 95 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through its office of marijuana policy, to convene meetings with stakeholders within the State's medical marijuana industry to study, review and evaluate any changes or updates that may be necessary to the State's medical use of marijuana program under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

LD 916 An Act To Protect Data Privacy and Security in Elections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 310 makes the following changes to the laws governing access to voter information from the central voter registration system.

- 1. It provides that a political party, an individual or an organization engaged in "get out the vote" or other efforts directly related to a campaign, a municipal, county, state or federal office holder and any person with whom the party, individual or organization shares voter information may not cause specifically identifiable information about a voter that was obtained from the central voter registration system to be made accessible to the general public, including by causing the information to be made available on the Internet.
- 2. It authorizes an individual or an organization that is evaluating the State's compliance with its voter list maintenance obligations under the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to obtain, for a fee, voter information from the central voter registration system. The individual or organization and any person with whom the individual or organization shares that information may not sell, transfer to another person or use the voter information for any purpose that is not directly related to evaluating the State's compliance with its voter list maintenance obligations and may not cause specifically identifiable information about a voter to be made accessible to the general public, including by causing the information to be made available on the Internet.
- 3. It prohibits any individual or organization that accesses or obtains voter information from the central voter registration system from using that information or any part of that information to engage in discrimination on the basis of physical or mental disability, race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, ancestry or national origin.
- 4. It provides that a person who violates any of the restrictions on the use and dissemination of voter information from the central voter registration system commits a civil violation, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 for a first violation and up to \$5,000 for a second or