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LD 895 An Act Regarding the Apportionment of the Franklin County Commissioner Districts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 492 reapportions Franklin County into three county commissioner districts until election day in November 5, 2024, and into five county commissioner districts thereafter, substantially implementing the apportionment plan approved by the voters of Franklin County in November 2021.

Public Law 2021, chapter 492 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 5, 2022.

LD 1513 An Act to Establish the Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 743 establishes the Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission. The commission is charged with prioritizing matters related to abandoned and discontinued roads that have a significant negative impact, qualitatively or quantitatively, on residential owners of property that abut the road, recreational users of the road, members of the public, municipal, county or state governments and the physical integrity of the road and surrounding land; developing recommendations to address the prioritized matters; recommending statutory changes; and reviewing legislation. The commission has the authority to receive funds to support the work of the commission. The commission must report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters by February 1, 2023 and annually thereafter. The committees have authority to report out bills in response to the reports. The Office of the Attorney General is required to provide staff support to the commission.

LD 1610 An Act to Promote Equity in Policy Making by Enhancing the State's Ability to Collect, Analyze and Apply Data

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 717 requires the Chief Information Officer and the Secretary of State to:

1. Develop a data governance program to enable effective use of data and systems to support decision making and improve citizen access to government services;
2. Consult with the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations within 30 days of the effective date of this legislation, and thereafter at least four