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health care directives. In addition to allowing a patient to direct an individual outside the patient's room to sign an advance health care directive for the patient, it allows the patient to communicate signing directions to an individual by means of two-way audiovisual technology. It also allows other individuals who contemporaneously view the signing through audiovisual means to sign the document as witnesses. It includes an opportunity for the patient or the patient's agent to review a copy of the advance health care directive prior to its execution and after it has been signed. It allows the patient or the patient's agent to revoke the advance health care directive if a substantive difference is discovered upon review. It provides immunity for good faith acts or omissions by staff, employees or agents of the hospital or residential care facilities for their use of the remote signing process. It does not apply to any other documents or settings or when advance health care directives are notarized.

LD 1200 An Act To Bring Gender Parity to Corporate Boards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 385 requires the board of directors of a publicly held corporation subject to the Maine Business Corporations Act to include at least one female director by June 1, 2023. The number of female directors required is based on the number of directors on the board. The Secretary of State is required to annually report the names of domestic publicly held corporations and whether each corporation has the required number of female directors on its board. Chapter 385 revises the required elements of the annual report that each domestic corporation must file with the Secretary of State to include whether the corporation is publicly held and, if the corporation is publicly held, the number of female members on the board of directors and whether the corporation met the minimum requirements.

LD 1221 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 182 implements statutory changes recommended by the Right To Know Advisory Committee after reviewing certain existing public records exceptions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 8 to 12.

Chapter 182 amends a provision relating to books, records or correspondence produced in response to a summons in an antitrust investigation. It makes the language consistent with how other exceptions refer to documents that are not subject to disclosure and clarifies that the confidentiality of the records is not tethered to an affirmative option of the person providing the records. It further clarifies that books, records or correspondence produced in response to a summons may be disclosed by the Attorney General with the consent of the producing party and in court pleadings or other papers filed in court.