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Chapter 182 amends a provision relating to water well information collected by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Geology, Natural Areas and Coastal Resources, Maine Geological Survey. It removes the exception designating as confidential information collected by the Maine Geological Survey at the request of well drilling companies to whom the information pertains if the division has determined it contains proprietary information.

### **LD 1224 An Act To Authorize Remote Participation in Maine State Cultural Affairs Council Meetings**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 269 allows the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council to conduct a public proceeding using telephonic, video, electronic or other means of remote participation when two or more members are physically present at the location of the public proceeding identified in the notice for the meeting and the total number of members participating in the meeting, both physically present and participating remotely, constitutes a quorum.

### **LD 1226 Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Examine Restorative Justice**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 101 directs the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to conduct a review of proposed and passed national restorative justice legislation and make recommendations in the areas of education, juvenile justice, adult diversion and correctional settings for advancing restorative justice legislation in this State. The commission is authorized to submit legislation based on its recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature and must provide a copy of its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

### **LD 1236 An Act Authorizing the Attorney General To Enter into Contingent Fee Agreements**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 392 provides that the Attorney General may employ private counsel on a contingent fee basis and may deduct from funds recovered by private counsel on behalf of the State such amounts as the Attorney General determines are due and owed under the terms of a contingent fee agreement and remit such amounts to private counsel.