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LD 1441 An Act To Create a James Weldon Johnson Annual Observance Day and an Observance Task Force

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 287 establishes June 17th as James Weldon Johnson Day in honor of writer and civil rights activist James Weldon Johnson and requires the Governor to issue an annual proclamation. The law directs the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to establish a James Weldon Johnson observance task force to develop ideas for continuing James Weldon Johnson's work to end systemic racism and to explore opportunities for memorializing the life of James Weldon Johnson. The Commission is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the status of the task force by January 5, 2022.

LD 1520 An Act To Terminate the Augusta Downtown Parking District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 5 repeals the Augusta Downtown Parking District created by Private and Special Law 1947, chapter 124.

LD 1522 An Act To Update and Eliminate References in Statute to Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 275 amends several sections of the Maine Revised Statutes to replace the phrases: "board of selectmen" with "select board"; "overseer of the poor" with "board of overseers"; and in most instances, "selectmen" with "member of the select board."

LD 1536 An Act Regarding Municipal Public Hearings on Citizen-initiated Municipal Referenda

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 185 clarifies that the public hearing required to be held by municipal officers on an article initiated by written petition must solicit and allow for a discussion on the merits of the article.