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school located in Maine or that is issued by a duly authorized institution of higher learning that operates in Maine.

2. It directs the Secretary of State to prepare instructions for absentee voter applicants describing the reasons that a voter may request and receive an absentee ballot after the period for no-excuse absentee voting has ended and requires municipalities to include these instructions on a sign posted at the municipal office and on any website, social media page or other media that the municipality uses to communicate election information.
3. It requires the municipal clerk to include in the voting place report, which is filed with the Secretary of State at least 60 days before each election, the location of each secured drop box and the times for in-person absentee voting in the municipality.
4. It authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt rules governing pollwatchers, additional party workers and others present in the polling place as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 627, subsection 4.
5. It clarifies that absentee ballots may not be counted until after the polls have closed on election day, all election day ballots have been cast and all absentee ballots have been processed.

### **LD 1589 An Act To Ensure Equity in the Membership of the Marijuana Advisory Commission**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 363 changes the membership of the Marijuana Advisory Commission established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-B, section 901 by removing the Commissioner of Labor, adding the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and adding six members representing certain interests, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, increasing the number of members from 15 to 21.

### **LD 1620 An Act To Support Maine Theaters by Expanding Eligibility for Off-premises Catering Licenses**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 76 authorizes auditoriums, civic auditoriums and performing arts centers licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor to apply for an additional license to conduct off-premises catering of spirits, wine and malt liquor at planned events or gatherings.

Public Law 2021, chapter 76 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2021.