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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

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times each year, to discuss how racial equity will be incorporated in the data governance program; and

3. Consult with the State Archivist to generate a records management and retention plan and program in compliance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 95-C.

The Chief Information Officer, the Secretary of State and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations are required to jointly file an annual report with the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by February 15th.

Chapter 717 codifies the State Economist position within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The State Economist is responsible for providing economic and demographic data and analysis and has the authority to hire staff.

### **LD 1768 An Act To Allow the Private Sale of Certain State Surplus Property to State Employees**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 499 allows the private sale of state surplus office equipment to state employees for the furnishing of home offices and requires that that equipment be priced in the same manner as for public sale. The office equipment is purchased in “as is” condition. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may further define the term “office equipment” through routine technical rulemaking.

### **LD 1795 An Act To Update Statutory References to Building Code Standards for Public Improvements**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 554:

1. Eliminates references to building codes that are no longer in effect or have been superseded by the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code;
2. Applies the current Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code ventilation standards to buildings occupied by state employees; and
3. Updates references related to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Department of Public Safety.