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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

### **LD 1854 An Act To Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act To Allow for Remote Meetings**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 572 repeals the specific provisions in law governing certain emergency meetings of the Finance Authority of Maine, thereby making the remote meetings provisions of Title 1, section 403-B applicable to the authority.

Public Law 2021, chapter 572 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 7, 2022.

### **LD 1857 An Act To Prioritize the Prosecution of Child Homicide Cases**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 621 directs the Attorney General to formally request the Judicial Branch to give priority to scheduling child homicide trials.

### **LD 1871 Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Extend Its Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 141 extends by two years the Maine Human Rights Commission pilot program to receive, review and investigate incidents and complaints of harassment due to a person's housing status and other reports of interference with a person's access to public accommodations and extends the deadlines for its reports. The commission's interim report is due to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters September 15, 2023 and the final report must be submitted by September 15, 2024, after the conclusion of the 4th year of the pilot program. The resolve is retroactive to June 16, 2020, the effective date of Resolve 2019, chapter 113, which originally created the pilot program.

### **LD 1888 An Act To Amend Laws Affecting Sex Offenders and Petitions for the Determination of Parental Rights and Responsibilities**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public law 2021, chapter 577 provides express authority for a court to order a forensic risk assessment in a parental rights and responsibilities proceeding. The assessment must be performed by a licensed clinical social worker, psychologist or psychiatrist qualified to perform psychosexual evaluations. In determining whether to order an assessment, the court may consider the existence of court findings, including convictions for child-related sexual offenses, dissemination of sexually