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LD 1832 An Act To Correct the Year of the Expiration of the Terms of 2 County Commissioners in Sagadahoc County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 506 corrects an error in the apportionment plan enacted by reference in Public Law 2021, chapter 488 by amending the expiration dates of the term of the Sagadahoc County Commissioners in Districts 2 and 3 from 2024 to 2022 and from 2022 to 2024, respectively.

Public Law 2021, chapter 506 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2022.

LD 1936 An Act To Codify the Senate and House Legislative Districts, the Congressional Districts and the County Commissioner Districts as Enacted by the Legislature

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 552 codifies the apportionment of election districts for the congressional districts, county commissioner districts and districts of the State Senate and State House of Representatives enacted in Public Law 2021, chapters 487, 488, 489 and 490, respectively. Each of these public laws adopted the unanimous plans for reapportionment submitted by the apportionment commission and incorporated these plans by reference. The laws required the Revisor of Statutes to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature codifying in the Maine Revised Statutes the reapportionment as enacted by the Legislature.

Chapter 552 codifies:

1. The districts for the election of State Senators as Part A, according to Public Law 2021, chapter 489, Appendix A;
2. The districts for the election of State Representatives as Part B according to Public Law 2021, chapter 490, Appendix A;
3. The districts for the election of Representatives to the United States Congress as Part C according to Public Law 2021, chapter 487, Appendix A; and
4. The districts for the election of county commissioners as Part D according to Public Law 2021, chapter 488, Appendix A.

It also corrects technical errors in the apportionment commission's plan discovered by the Office of the Secretary of State when the office applied the new districts to the central voter registration system in preparation for upcoming elections by correcting the census units in State Senate Districts 23, 25 and 26 and in State House of Representative Districts 24, 25, 28 and 107.

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It incorporates the changes to the Franklin County Commissioner Districts enacted in Public Law 2021, chapter 492 and the changes to the termination dates of Sagadahoc County Commissioner Districts 2 and 3 enacted in Public Law 2021, chapter 506.

Public Law 2021, chapter 552 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 4, 2022.

LD 1947 An Act To Promote Electronic Filing of State Agency and Legislative Committee Publications

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 549 reduces the number of paper copies a state agency or legislative committee must provide to the State Librarian when the agency or legislative committee publishes a report or other publication. It requires the State Librarian to maintain an online repository for permanent digital access to government documents.

This was a committee bill reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 19.

LD 1975 An Act Concerning Winter Maintenance on Private Roads in the Town of Windham

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 20 repeals Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 10 and permits the Town of Windham to:

1. Identify and create a roster and map of the private ways on which the town provided winter maintenance for at least 20 years prior to the effective date of this law;
2. Until October 1, 2023, use public equipment to perform winter maintenance on the identified private ways for the public purpose of ensuring the public health and safety of residents and minimizing environmental damage to surrounding water bodies regardless of the existence of a public easement over the private way;
3. Develop basic maintenance standards for private ways on which the town may provide public winter maintenance after October 1, 2023;
4. Use public equipment to perform winter maintenance on private ways beginning October 1, 2023 provided:
 - A. The private way is under the purview of a road association or association of property owners;