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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;

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- B. The road association or owners of property benefited by the private way are notified of the basic maintenance standards required that must be met for continued winter maintenance by the Town of Windham;
- C. The road association or association of property owners agree to maintain the private way in accordance with basic maintenance standards; and
- D. At least 67% of the owners of property abutting the private way have issued a public easement to the town of Windham.

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 20 prevents a road association or property owners benefited by a private way receiving winter maintenance from the town from asserting a claim that the private way has become a town way by any method or mechanism other than dedication and acceptance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 3025.

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 20 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 4, 2022.

LD 2002 An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 560 eliminates the following boards and commissions pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12006, subsection 2:

1. Commission To End Student Hunger;
2. Driver Education and Evaluation Programs Appeals Board; and
3. Potato Marketing Improvement Fund Committee.

LD 2005 An Act Regarding the Reapportionment of the Knox County Budget Committee Districts

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 573 allows the Knox County Commissioners, beginning in June 2031, to determine whether changes to the budget committee districts are needed and, only if changes are necessary, submit a redistricting plan to the Secretary of State, who must submit the plan to the Legislature for review and enactment. It declares that, for purposes of the 2021 redistricting of the Knox County budget committee districts, the districts established currently in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 757, subsection 2 remain the districts until the Knox County Commissioners submit a redistricting plan to the Secretary of State and that plan is subsequently