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LD 259 An Act to Establish the Criminal Records Review Commission in Statute

Public Law 2025, chapter 526 establishes the Criminal Records Review Commission. The commission members include Legislators, Executive Department commissioners or their designees and leaders and representatives from various organizations. The commission's duties include reviewing laws, rules and procedures pertaining to criminal history record information in this State. The commission may submit legislation to the Legislature at the start of each regular session and may also make recommendations to the Department of Public Safety, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the judicial branch's advisory committee on the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure and any other organization or committee whose affairs pertain to the use, maintenance or dissemination of criminal history record information. The commission may consult with outside experts in fields related to its duties and may seek funding to partially or fully fund its costs. Members who are Legislators are entitled to receive a legislative per diem and reimbursement of expenses.

Public Law 2025, chapter 526 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 526 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 338 An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools

Public Law 2025, chapter 708 adds registered voters and recipients of state unemployment compensation to the source list of prospective jurors in each county, effective January 1, 2028.

The legislation that became Public Law 2025, chapter 708 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. The legislation was recalled from the Governor during the Second Regular Session and further amended before being enacted as Public Law 2025, chapter 708.

LD 395 Resolve, Establishing the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations

Resolve 2025, chapter 165 establishes the Working Group to Develop Recommendations for Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations. The working group is charged with developing consensus recommendations for extending to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation, notwithstanding Sections 6(h) and 16(b) of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act, the benefits of federal laws enacted before, on or after October 1980 that are generally applicable to, enacted for the benefit of or that relate to a special status of rights or lands owned by or held in trust for Indians or Indian tribes. The working group shall submit a report by December 2, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters that includes the working group's findings and consensus recommendations, including any suggested legislation.