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132ND LEGISLATURE

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LD 857 An Act to Increase Government Transparency in the Procurement of Goods and Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 405 requires that, beginning January 1, 2026, the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall preserve, consistent with applicable record retention schedules established and published by the Department of the Secretary of State, Maine State Archives, and make available on a publicly accessible website all records and documents regarding the competitive bidding process, including notices of intent to waive competitive bidding and supporting documents and competitive solicitations and supporting documents, including question-and-answer summaries, evaluation team packets and award decision letters. The law provides that all proposals submitted in response to a solicitation and resulting in an award are public documents, unless otherwise excepted by statute. It also directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to the extent possible, to recover and publish on a publicly accessible website all past notices of intent to waive the competitive bidding process and supporting documents.

LD 915 An Act to Modernize Deed Duplication from Microfilm to a Digital Image

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 239 requires a register of deeds to make a record of an instrument recorded in the registry office in the form of a digital image stored on magnetic or optical media, not on microfilm as was previously required by law.

LD 954 An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 86 removes the requirement that, beginning with the 132nd Legislature, at least one member of the Government Oversight Committee be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters. It also removes language that states that no two members of the committee may be members of the same joint standing committee of the Legislature and also members of the same political party. These changes apply retroactively to December 4, 2024.

Public Law 2025, chapter 86 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2025.