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Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 503 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

**LD 1668 An Act Regarding the Voting Requirement to Extend the Date for Adjournment of the Legislature**

Public Law 2025, chapter 505 removes the requirement that a vote to extend the length of a regular session of the Legislature beyond the statutory adjournment date be done by 2/3 of the members of the Senate and House present and voting and instead requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Senate and House present and voting.

Public Law 2025, chapter 505 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 505 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

**LD 1741 An Act Regarding Vacancies in the Office of Sheriff**

Public Law 2025, chapter 572 provides that, in the case of a vacancy in the office of sheriff, if the county political committee submits one or more recommendations to the Governor for consideration for appointment as sheriff, the chief deputy exercising the same rights and powers of the sheriff during the vacancy of the office of sheriff must be included for consideration for appointment as sheriff if the chief deputy is enrolled in the same political party as the sheriff whose term is vacant. The law also specifies that if the office of sheriff becomes vacant because of death, resignation or otherwise, the chief deputy has and may exercise the same rights and powers and is subject to the same duties and liabilities as a sheriff until the vacancy in the office of sheriff is filled as provided in the Constitution of Maine.

**LD 1744 An Act to Modify Provisions of the State Civil Service System Governing Employee Recruitment and Retention**

Public Law 2025, chapter 623 makes the following changes to the laws governing recruitment and retention adjustments for state employees in the classified service.

1. It requires a state agency or bargaining agent to file a request for a recruitment and retention adjustment with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources on forms prescribed by the bureau.
2. It establishes that a recruitment and retention adjustment may be authorized by the State Human Resources Officer only when justified by prescribed conditions. It also, subject to certain exceptions, requires a committee to be established to evaluate each request from a state agency or bargaining agent for a recruitment and retention adjustment.