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LD 2009 An Act to Clarify the Requirements of a County Audit

Public Law 2025, chapter 673 amends the law governing the requirements of an annual county audit in the following ways.

1. It requires that when a county audit is conducted by a certified public accountant, the audit, upon completion, must be forwarded to the Office of the State Auditor within 12 months of the date of the close of the fiscal year.

2. It specifies that the Office of the State Auditor must review the audit for completeness.

3. It provides that the audit, including the management letter, is a public document and must be posted on the Office of the State Auditor's publicly accessible website no later than 30 days after receipt.

4. It authorizes the State Auditor to grant an exception to the requirement for a county to forward a completed annual audit to the Office of the State Auditor within 12 months of the date of the close of the fiscal year under extenuating circumstances as determined by the State Auditor.

5. It directs the Office of the State Auditor to make public any requests for an exception along with the State Auditor's decision within 60 days of the receipt of a request for an exception.

LD 2042 An Act to Clarify the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper

Public Law 2025, chapter 613 provides an alternative way for a municipality to provide public notice as required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A. It clarifies that a municipality required by law to place a public notice in a newspaper may meet this requirement by placing the notice on the newspaper's publicly accessible website or the statewide repository for legal notices as described in Title 1, section 603, subsection 2 as long as either action is followed by placement of the notice in the next available print edition of the newspaper. The law also specifies that the notice on the newspaper's publicly accessible website must contain all information required to be published in a newspaper.

LD 2069 An Act Designating July 21st as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day

Public Law 2025, chapter 564 designates July 21st of each year as Maine Commercial Fishing Remembrance Day and directs the Governor to annually issue a proclamation honoring and recognizing those individuals who have lost their lives participating in a commercial fishery in the State.