- **The Public Hearing**

  The public hearing will be held in the Augusta Civic Center Auditorium. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

  A link to general information on public hearing procedures can be found here http://legislature.maine.gov/audio/civic_ctr_apr.html on our website. There will be some changes to the usual procedure to allow for the expected high volume of testimony on these bills.

  The public hearing will cover both bills. After the sponsors of the bills have presented the bills, the Judiciary Committee will hear testimony in 30-minute time blocks. First those persons in favor of either bill will speak, then those speaking against either bill. There will be time for those who wish to speak neither for nor against either of the bills, but instead provide information that will be useful to the Committee.
  - A person may not testify more than once during the hearing.
  - Testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

If you would like written testimony distributed to the committee, please provide 20 copies to the legislative staff before you speak. Comment sheets will be available at the hearing and on the website for you to complete and leave for the Committee; copies will be made available to the Committee after the hearing.

The Committee will take a lunch and supper break and other breaks as necessary.

We are anticipating that a large number of people will want to attend the public hearing. Please be aware that although we are allotting all day to hearing public testimony on these bills, there is a possibility that not everyone will have time to testify. Comment sheets will be available for anyone to provide remarks on the bills to the Judiciary Committee. We will also post a comment sheet form (part of this packet and also available separately) on the website for you to print, fill out and send to the Judiciary Committee. Go to http://legislature.maine.gov/audio/civic_ctr_apr.html for the link.

- **Rules of Conduct**
  The public hearing is for the Judiciary Committee to hear public comments on these two bills.
  - Please, no demonstrations in the building.
  - Please be respectful of all those in attendance.
  - Please keep the auditorium quiet to allow the process to move efficiently.
  - Please use appropriate language at all times.
  - No signs, pictures, posters or banners in the auditorium or on Civic Center grounds.
  - Smoking is allowed from the sidewalk curbside and beyond.
  - Civic Center Concessions will be serving food and drink

- **Documents and Hearing Audio**
  The audio of the public hearing will be available on the Legislature's audio webpage and directly at http://legislature.maine.gov/audio/civic_ctr_apr.html. Copies of the bills are available online from the audio page. We will have limited copies available at the public hearing, so please print them from the website and bring them with you. Go to http://legislature.maine.gov/audio/civic_ctr_apr.html for links.

- **Directions to the Augusta Civic Center Auditorium**
  From the south, take Interstate 95 north to Exit 112A and head east toward Augusta on Civic Center Drive. Turn right onto Community drive at the next light, and follow the road to the Civic Center. There are several parking lots available.

  From the north, take Interstate 95 south to Exit 112, turn left at the exit and head east toward Augusta on Civic Center Drive. Turn right onto Community drive at the second light, and follow the road to the Civic Center. There are several parking lots available.