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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

S.
L. DE R.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " B " to S. P. 780, L. D. 2236, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Duties of the Attorney General."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by striking out in the 8th and 9th lines (7th line of L. D.) the words "the state boards and commissions" and inserting in place thereof the following: '~~the state boards and commissions~~ agencies of the State'

Further amend said Bill in section 1 by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Said officers, or boards and commissions agencies of the State shall not act at the expense of the State as counsel in any action or proceedings in which the State is interested.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 of the Bill.

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§195. Opinions on questions of law

The Attorney General shall give his written opinion upon questions of law submitted to him by the Governor and Council, ~~Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Bank Superintendent, Insurance Superintendent, State Auditor or~~ head of any other state department, or any of the state ~~boards or commissions~~ agencies or by either branch of the Legislature or any members of the Legislature on legislative matters.'

(Filing No. S-353)

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 to be sections 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is clarification and to delete the requirement that the Attorney General must give prior approval to the employment of private counsel by state agencies and to require the Attorney General to give written opinions to Members of the Legislature.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on
Judiciary.
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