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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 116TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{D} " to H.P. 1150, L.D. 1550, Bill, "An Act to Reduce the Influence of Money in Elective Politics"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 10. Commission to implement within existing resources. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall implement this Act within existing budgeted resources.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill reduces the current limits on certain campaign contributions for candidates for Governor, State Senator and State Representative. The fiscal impact of this bill depends on the desired amount of monitoring and analysis required of these campaign finance revised activities. The Commission on and Election Practices Governmental Ethics has requested additional General Fund appropriations of \$126,618 and \$87,693 in fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95, respectively, to provide funds for a Clerk Typist II position, a Data Entry Specialist position, a Research and Planning Assistant I position, general operating expenses and capital equipment needs to develop a computerized system. This bill requires tracking the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to absorb the costs associated with this legislation.

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This bill also establishes new civil violations. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenues by a minor amount.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment eliminates the General Fund appropriation and requires that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices implement the bill's provisions within existing budgeted resources.

The amendment also replaces the fiscal note.

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