

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

(Filing No. H-1085)

HOUSE AMENDMENT "**b**" to H.P. 2226, L.D. 2316, Bill, "AN ACT to Revise and Clarify the Freedom of Access Law."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the second line of subparagraph (1) of lettered paragraph A, in subsection 6 of that part designated "<u>\$405.</u>" after the underlined words "<u>expected to</u> cause" the underlined word: "<u>undue</u>"

Further amend said Bill by striking out subparagraphs (2) and (3) of lettered paragraph A, in subsection 6 of that part designated "<u>§405.</u>" and inserting in place thereof the following:

> (2) Any person charged or investigated shall be permitted to be present at an executive session if he so desires;

> (3) Any person charged or investigated may request in writing that the investigation or hearing of charges or complaints against him be conducted in open session. A request, if made to the agency, must be honored; and

Further amend said Bill by striking out the first sentence of that part designated "<u>§410.</u>"and inserting in place thereof the following: 'A willful violation of any of this subchapter or the willful exclusion of any person or persons from any meetings for which provision is made, or the willful denial of inspection or copying of any public record for which provision is made, is a Class E crime.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies and makes more specific the language of the bill.

Filed by Mr. Joyce of Portland.

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