

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

No. 762

H. P. 621

House of Representatives, March 8, 1977

On motion of Mrs. Boudreau of Portland, referred to the Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT to Amend the Law Creating the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1.** 1 **MRSA § 1004, 2nd sentence**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

Thereafter, the commission shall meet on the call of the Secretary of State or of the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate to perform the duties required of it or as specifically provided in this ~~Act~~ chapter.

**Sec. 2.** 1 **MRSA § 1013, sub-§ 2, ¶ J**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

**J.** The records of the commission and all information received by the commission acting under this subchapter in the course of its investigation and conduct of its affairs shall be confidential, except that **Legislators' statements of sources of income**, evidence or information disclosed at public hearings, the commission's findings of fact and its opinions and guidelines are public records.

**Sec. 3.** 1 **MRSA § 1017, 1st ¶, 1st sentence**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

The statement of sources of income filed under this subchapter shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and prepared by the Secretary of State and shall be a matter of public record.

**Sec. 4.** 1 **MRSA § 1018**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1018. Updating statement

A Legislator shall file an updating statement with the commission on a form prescribed by the commission and prepared by the Secretary of State. Such statement shall be filed within 30 days of addition, deletion or change to the information relating to the preceding year supplied under this subchapter.

Sec. 5. 1 MRSA § 1019, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 621, § 1, is amended to read:

If the commission determines that a Legislator has willfully failed to file a statement required by this subchapter **or has willfully filed a false statement**, the Legislator shall be presumed to have a conflict of interest on every question and shall be precluded or punished as provided in section 1015.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to correct the present law and facilitate certain administrative procedures.