

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2673

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
Affairs and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senators PERKINS of Hancock, CLARK of
Cumberland and Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 AN ACT to Fund a Full-Time Position for the
2 Commission on Governmental Ethics and
3 Election Practices.
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5 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the
6 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
7 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

8 Whereas, the Commission on Governmental Ethics and
9 Election Practices receives staff assistance only on a

1 part-time basis; and

2 Whereas, over the past 12 years the work load of
3 the commission has increased significantly; and

4 Whereas, additional staff assistance is needed
5 immediately in order to provide effective
6 administrative support to the commission; and

7 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
8 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
9 Constitution of Maine and require the following
10 legislation as immediately necessary for the
11 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
12 now, therefore,

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

15 **Appropriation.** The following funds are
16 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
17 purposes of this Act.

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19 GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION
20 PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON

21 Commission on Governmental Ethics
22 and Election Practices

23 Positions (1)
24 Personal Services \$19,139

25 Provides funds to
26 increase staff
27 assistance to the
28 commission from a
29 part-time basis of 22
30 weeks per year to a
31 full-time basis.

32 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency
33 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when

1 approved.

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

3 The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election
4 Practices is currently staffed on a part-time basis by
5 an administrative assistant. This individual works 22
6 weeks each year for the commission and works 30 weeks
7 each year in the Office of the Secretary of State
8 supervising the registration of lobbyists.

9 Over the past 12 years, the work load of the
10 commission has increased significantly such that it
11 has become difficult for the staff person to provide
12 effective administrative support to the commission
13 while also fulfilling lobbyist registration
14 responsibilities.

15 This bill requests the funds needed to establish
16 the commission's administrative assistant on a
17 full-time basis.

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