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STATE OF MAINE  
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115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 210, L.D. 537, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit Persons Holding State, County or Municipal Office from Soliciting Election Funds from Their Employees"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Prohibit Persons Holding State, County or Municipal Office from Soliciting Election Funds from Any State, County or Municipal Employee'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'21-A MRSA §1004, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Soliciting election funds from public employees. A person holding state, county or municipal office may not solicit election funds from any state, county or municipal employee.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill prohibits certain officers from soliciting election funds from their employees and establishes a new Class E crime. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices can absorb the tasks associated with implementing the provisions of this bill if current staffing levels are not decreased. The Governor's current services budget proposal for the commission recommends reducing a full-time position to part time which will impact upon the commission's ability to fulfill these tasks. This bill individually does not warrant providing an additional appropriation. The required General Fund appropriation will depend on the cumulative effect of all

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2 legislation affecting the Commission on Governmental Ethics and  
Election Practices.

4 There may be a minimal number of new cases filed in District  
6 Court as a result of the violation. The additional workload and  
administration costs associated with these few cases will be  
8 absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial  
Department.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The amendment provides that office holders may not solicit  
election funds from any state, county or municipal employee,  
regardless of whether the office holder directly employs the  
person. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Minority for the Committee on Legal Affairs.  
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