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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 450, L.D. 640, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Election Laws Relating to Ballot Counting"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill provides that the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall investigate charges that a person ineligible to serve as an election official took part in counting of election ballots 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 the commission's ability to fulfill these tasks. This bill individually does not warrant providing an additional appropriation. The required General Fund appropriations will depend on the cumulative effect of all legislation affecting the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

There will be a minimal number of new cases filed in District Court as a result of the violation. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with these few cases will be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The Department of the Attorney General will absorb the costs associated with prosecuting cases referred by the commission.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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