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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 785, L.D. 1117, Bill, "An Act to Impose a Limit on Campaign Contributions"

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§1015-A." in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Individual committees:" and inserting in its place the following: 'Individuals; committees:'

Further amend the bill by adding at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill imposes a limit on campaign contributions. 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 legislation affecting the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

The amendment makes a technical change in the headnote of one subsection of the bill to clarify that the subsection limits contributions by individuals and committees, not contributions by individual committees. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.