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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WEBSTER of Franklin

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Alter the Composition of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 1 MRSA §1002, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 503, Pt. B, 4 §1, is further amended to read: б 1. Membership. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 33, called the "commission," shall-consists of 8 $7 \underline{8}$ members to-be appointed as follows: 10 The President-of-the-Senate-and-the floor leaders of the Α. 2 major parties in the Senate shall each appoint ene-member 12 2 members, with the concurrence of 2/3 vote of the Senate. Each such member shall-be is appointed in January of each 14 even-numbered year, and shall-sefve serves a term of 2 years 16 from the date of appointment or until a successor is appointed and qualified; 18 B. The Speaker-of-the House and the floor leaders of the 2 major parties in the House of Representatives shall each 20 appoint one-member 2 members, with the concurrence of 2/3 22 vote of the House of Representatives. Each such member shall-be is appointed in January of each even-numbered year, and shall-serve serves a term of 2 years from the date of 24 appointment or until a successor is appointed and qualified; 26 anđ 28 C. The 6 8 members so appointed shall, by an affirmative vote of at least 5 members, elect a 7th-member,--who-shall 30 aet-as-chairman, and chair who shall-serve serves a term of 2 years, or until a successor is appointed and qualified. 32 The appropriate appointing authority shall appoint members to vacancies on the commission as they-shall vacancies occur or upon 34 expiration of terms. Any vacancy shall must be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy occurs. 36 38 STATEMENT OF FACT 40 42 This bill increases the number of members on the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices from 7 to 8 and 44 restructures the process for appointments to the commission.