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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 225, L.D. 696, Bill, "An Act to Reform and Reestablish the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices"

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

'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1002, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 880, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Membership. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 33 and in this subchapter called the "commission," consists of 3 members appointed as follows.

A. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall appoint one member.

B. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court shall appoint one member.

C. The Chief Judge of the District Court shall appoint one member.

The terms of the members are staggered. Of the initial appointees, the term of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court appointee is for 3 years, the term of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court appointee is for 2 years and the term of the Chief Judge of the District Court appointee is for one year. Thereafter, all appointments are for 3-year terms, except that a member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only for the remainder of that term.

A chair must be selected from among the 3 members for a term of one year.

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FISCAL NOTE

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6 The Judicial Department will incur some minor additional
costs to appoint the members to the Commission on Governmental
Ethics and Election Practices. These costs can be absorbed
8 within the department's existing budgeted resources.

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The reduction of the size of the Commission on Governmental
Ethics and Election Practices will not significantly affect the
12 commission's expenditures.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment clarifies that the initial appointments are
18 staggered and future appointments are for 3 years. It also
specifies that a chair is selected from among the 3 members for a
20 term of one year.

Reported by Senator Berube for the Committee on State and
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