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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 693, L.D. 1879, Bill, "An Act to Enhance the Effectiveness of the Office of the Public Advocate"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 5. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to June 30, 1994.

FISCAL NOTE

The office of the Public Advocate will incur additional annual payroll expenses, retirement costs and other benefits costs estimated to be \$18,000 to \$20,000 due to the redesignation of 4 employees as confidential, unclassified. The office of the Public Advocate will not require an allocation of funds in fiscal year 1994-95 to support these additional costs.

The office of the Public Advocate will also be permitted, without further legislative approval, to carry forward from unexpended balances an additional 3% of the total annual assessment.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities, changes the retroactive application of the Act to June 30, 1994. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT