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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 45, L.D. 39, Bill, "An Act to Require an Endorser's Authorization for a Candidate To Use an Endorsement"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1014-A." in subsection 4 by striking out all of the first 4 sentences (page 1, lines 26 to 36 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following: 'The full amount of the forfeiture is due within 30 days of the commission's determination that an endorsement has been used without the endorser's authorization. The commission is authorized to use all necessary powers to collect the forfeiture. If the full amount of the forfeiture is not collected within the 30 days after the commission has determined that a violation of this section has occurred, the commission shall report to the Attorney General the name of the person who has failed to pay.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs to determine whether endorsements are properly authorized and to collect forfeitures and report those who have failed to pay to the Department of the Attorney General can be absorbed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices utilizing existing budgeted resources.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 The Department of the Attorney General will incur some minor
additional costs to enforce violations. These costs can be
4 absorbed within the Attorney General's existing budgeted
resources.

6 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
8 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
Department. The collection of additional filing fees may
10 increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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16 This amendment moves the preliminary enforcement
responsibilities from the Department of the Secretary of State to
the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and
18 adds a fiscal note to the bill.