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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 529, L.D. 720, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Confidentiality of Library Records"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of that part designated "\$121." (page 1, lines 6 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'\$121. Confidentiality of library records

Records maintained by any public municipal library, including the Maine State Library, the Law and Legislative Reference Library and libraries of the University of Maine System and the Maine Maritime Academy, that contain information relating to the identity of a library patron relative to the patron's use of books or other materials at the library, are confidential. Those records may only be released with the express written permission of the patron involved or as the result of a court order.

~~Public-municipal-libraries-shall-have-up-to-5-years-from-the-effective-date-of-this-chapter-to-be-in-compliance-with-this-section.~~

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 1998.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

8 The additional costs associated with implementing these
confidentiality requirements can be absorbed by the Law and
10 Legislative Reference Library utilizing existing budgeted
resources.'

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SUMMARY

16 This amendment clarifies that the Maine State Library and
the Law and Legislative Reference Library are not municipal
18 libraries. It also repeals a transition provision no longer
needed and provides a January 1, 1998 effective date for the
20 bill. It also adds a fiscal note.