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No. 1056

S.P. 352

In Senate, February 9, 1999

An Act to Clarify Conflicts of Interest Regarding Local School Board Members.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative JACOBS of Turner and
Senators: BERUBE of Androscoggin, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, Representatives:
CHIZMAR of Lisbon, GAGNE of Buckfield, HEIDRICH of Oxford, SCHNEIDER of Durham.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

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8 **2. Employment by school administrative unit, school union,
academy.** -A- Except as provided in this subsection, a member of a
10 school board or spouse of a member may not be employed as a
12 full-time employee in a public school within the jurisdiction of
the school board to which the member is elected or contract high
14 school or academy located within a supervisory union in which the
member is a representative on the union committee. The spouse of
a school board member may be employed as a substitute teacher or
a coach of extracurricular activities and may work as a volunteer
16 in a public school within the jurisdiction of the school board or
union committee on which that person's spouse serves. A school
board member must be recused during salary or other personnel
18 deliberations directly affecting the spouse of the school board
member.

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SUMMARY

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26 This bill amends the conflict of interest law for school
board members to permit the spouse of a board member to be
28 employed as a substitute teacher or extracurricular activity
coach or to work as a volunteer in a school within the
jurisdiction of the school board on which that person's spouse
serves.