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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 503, L.D. 1504, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Lobbyist Registration Fee Provisions"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "**§313.**" in the indented paragraph in the last 4 lines (page 1, lines 30 to 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or such other amounts as the commission determines based upon the cost to the commission of administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter"

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

	1999-00	2000-01
<b>REVENUES</b>		
General Fund	(\$95,000)	(\$95,000)

Reducing the lobbyist registration fees by one-half, then dedicating all of the remaining lobbyist registration fee revenue

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 503, L.D. 1504

2 to a dedicated fund within the Commission on Governmental Ethics  
and Election Practices will reduce General Fund revenue by  
4 \$95,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01. There will  
be no net effect on the commission's Other Special Revenue fund,  
6 as this fund is reduced by \$47,500 each fiscal year from the  
reduction in lobbyist registration fees, then increased by  
8 \$47,500 due to dedicating all of the remaining lobbyist  
registration fee revenue.

10 Authorizing the dedicated fund to accrue interest earnings  
will reduce General Fund revenue from interest earnings. Absent  
12 a detailed cash flow analysis of the dedicated fund, the amount  
of the reductions of General Fund revenue and the increases of  
14 dedicated revenue can not be determined at this time.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment removes provisions in the original bill  
20 pertaining to electronic filing. The bill retains only the  
provisions that reduce lobbying fees and requires that the fees  
22 be deposited in a dedicated account.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.