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H.P. 1020

House of Representatives, March 5, 2001

**An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Investigations by the Commission
on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, DUDLEY of Portland, HUTTON of Bowdoinham,
MORRISON of Baileyville, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1003, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

6 2-A. Confidentiality. The commission shall keep
8 confidential a request for an investigation pursuant to
10 subsection 2 that is filed within 10 business days immediately
12 preceding the election. That request and any information it has
14 relating to that request are confidential until the investigation
16 is complete and the commission has made a final determination on
18 the request.

14 SUMMARY

16 This bill amends the laws governing investigations of
18 campaign reports and finances by the Commission on Governmental
20 Ethics and Election Practices to require the commission to keep
22 confidential a request for an investigation filed within 10
business days prior to the election and that a request must be
held confidential until the commission makes a final
determination on the request.