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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 106, L.D. 97, Bill, "An Act To Change the Personnel Employed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1002, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2001, c. 470, §3, is further amended to read:

5. **Employees.** The commission shall employ an administrative ~~executive~~ director and such other assistance as may be necessary to carry out its duties. The commission also shall retain a general counsel or a computer analyst as an employee of the commission, based on the staffing needs of the executive director. ~~The~~ If the commission employs a general counsel, the general counsel may not hold any other state office or otherwise be employed by the State. ~~Compensation paid to the commission's general counsel must be paid using funds from the Maine Clean Election Fund established by Title 21-A, section 1124.~~ The commission shall select the administrative executive director and ~~general counsel~~ by an affirmative vote of at least 4 commission members.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report. The amendment changes the title of the director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices from

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2 administrative director to executive director. The amendment
removes the requirement that the commission employ a general
counsel to be paid out of the Maine Clean Election Fund and
4 specifies that the commission shall hire either a general counsel
or computer analyst.

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