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An Act to Strengthen the Governmental Ethics Laws

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CANAVAN of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and
Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, LERMAN of Augusta.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1012, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

6 **1-A. Associated organization.** "Associated organization"
8 means any organization in which a Legislator or a member of the
10 Legislator's immediate family is a director, officer or trustee,
12 or owns or controls, directly or indirectly, and severally or in
14 the aggregate, at least 10% of the outstanding equity.

16 **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1015, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

18 **4. Contract with a governmental agency or department.** A
20 Legislator and associated organization may not enter with a state
22 governmental agency into any contract that is to be paid in whole
24 or in part out of governmental funds, when such a contract is
26 normally awarded through a process of public notice and
28 competitive bidding, unless the contract has been awarded through
30 a process of public notice and competitive bidding.

32 **Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §1016-A, sub-§§8 and 9** are enacted to read:

34 **8. Organization affiliations.** A Legislator shall disclose
36 the identity of every associated organization with which the
38 Legislator is associated and the nature of the Legislator's
40 association with the organization, except that no identification
42 need be made of:

44 **A.** Any associated organization that is organized and
46 operated primarily to influence voting at an election,
48 including support for or opposition to an individual's
50 present or future candidacy or to a present or future
referendum campaign; or

B. Any nonprofit associated organization that is formed
exclusively for social purposes and any nonprofit community
service associated organization, if the Legislator receives
no reimbursement or other payment from the organization
except for travel expenses.

9. Disclosure of real property. The Legislator shall
disclose the real property located in this State in which the
Legislator or the Legislator's immediate family holds an
interest, other than the principal residence of the Legislator or
the Legislator's immediate family, and the nature of the interest
held. A Legislator's interests in real property do not include a
proportional share of interests in real property if the
individual's proportional share is less than 10% of the
outstanding shares or is less than an equity value of \$5,000.

