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An Act To Ban Government Conflict of Interest in Elections

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, CEBRA of Naples, LANSLEY of Sabattus, LINDELL of Frankfort, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, THOMAS of Ripley.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1024** is enacted to read:

6 **§1024. Candidacy prohibited**

8 **1. Restrictions on candidacy for Legislature.** An employee of the State or a member of a union representing employees of the State may not become a candidate for the Legislature.

10 **2. Restrictions on candidacy for offices elected by Legislature.** An outgoing member of the Legislature may not become a candidate for the office of Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State or State Auditor.

12 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §8** is enacted to read:

14 **§8. Restrictions on activities**

16 A person who receives income from the State, other than salary as a Legislator or state assistance, may not publicly participate in a campaign. A person who occupies a position elected by the Legislature may not publicly participate in a campaign or endorse a candidate. A union that represents employees of the State may not provide assistance or contributions on behalf of a candidate or ballot issue.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 **30** This bill prohibits employees of the State and members of
32 government employee unions from running for the Legislature,
34 outgoing Legislators from running for constitutional office or
36 State Auditor, people who receive income from the State from
38 publicly participating in a campaign, people who occupy positions
elected by the Legislature from publicly participating in a
campaign or endorsing candidates and government employee unions
from assisting with or contributing to campaigns.