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House of Representatives, February 3, 2005

An Act To Strengthen Ethical Standards Regarding Former Legislators

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOWLES of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner, FISHER of Brewer, MARRACHÉ of
Waterville, MILLETT of Waterford, MILLS of Farmington, MOODY of Manchester, Senator:
WESTON of Waldo.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA c. 25, sub-c. 3** is enacted to read:

6 **SUBCHAPTER 3**

8 **PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT**

10 **§1031. Prohibitions on employment for former Legislators**

12 Persons elected to the Senate or the House of
14 Representatives are prohibited from accepting employment as
16 provided in this section for 2 years after leaving office.

18 1. State agencies. A former Legislator may not accept
20 employment with a state agency or a quasi-state agency.

22 2. Educational institutions. A former Legislator may not
24 accept employment with a publicly funded higher education
26 institution.

28 3. Judicial branch. A former Legislator may not accept
30 employment in the judicial branch except that a former Legislator
32 may be appointed and confirmed as a justice of the Supreme
34 Judicial Court or Superior Court or a judge of the District Court.

36 4. Lobbyist. A former Legislator may not register or work
38 as a lobbyist or accept employment working for a registered
40 lobbyist organization. This does not prohibit working for a
business or organization that is represented by a lobbying
organization.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits former Legislators from working for a state agency, a public higher education institution, the judicial branch, except when serving as a justice or judge, and lobbying organizations for a period of 2 years after leaving office. The bill does not preclude working for a business or organization that is represented by a lobbying organization.