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In Senate, February 10, 2005

An Act To Limit the Political Activity of the Members of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

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

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Senator: TURNER of Cumberland, Representative: FISHER of Brewer.

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

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Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1002, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 86, is further amended to read:

Oualifications. The members of the commission must be б 2. persons of recognized judgment, probity and objectivity. A person may not be appointed to this commission who is a member of the 8 Legislature or who was a member of the previous Legislature, er 10 who was a declared candidate for an elective county, state or federal office within 2 years prior to the appointment, or who now holds an elective county, state or federal office, or who is 12 an officer of a political committee, party committee or political action committee or who holds a position in a political party or 14 campaign.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1002, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Prohibited activities. A member of the commission may 20 not engage in political fund-raising or endorse a political candidate.
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SUMMARY

26 This bill prohibits a person who holds a position in a political party or campaign from serving on the Commission on 28 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and prohibits members of the commission from engaging in political fund-raising or 30 endorsing a political candidate.