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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 206, L.D. 546, Bill, "An Act To Ensure Access to Public Information"

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1985 is enacted to read:

§1985. Response to requests for public records

Each agency that collects and uses data or information is responsible for responding to requests for public data or information hosted on state-owned computer devices. The office shall assist the agency in searching for and identifying all data and information stored within the office and in retrieving and compiling the data and information.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It adds a new section to the law governing the Office of Information Technology to clarify that an agency that collects or uses data or information is responsible for responding to requests for the data or information and that the office is responsible for assisting the agency in searching for and identifying the data and information stored within the office. The office must also assist in retrieving and compiling the data and information to help the agency respond to the request.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 546

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An Act To Ensure Access to Public Information

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Office of Information Services to assist state agencies with requests for public records can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.