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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 361, L.D. 978, Bill, "An Act To Extend the Jurisdiction of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to the Executive Branch"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Develop Recommendations for Ethical Standards for the Executive Branch'

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

'Sec. 1. Commission to develop recommendations on ethical standards for the executive branch. Resolved: That the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall examine existing ethical standards that govern members of the executive branch and develop advisory recommendations regarding the establishment of statutory ethical standards for the executive branch and submit a report, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs no later than December 3, 2009. The commission shall seek input from members of the executive branch in developing these standards. The Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs is authorized to report out legislation based on this report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and establishes a resolve that directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to examine existing ethical standards governing the executive branch and make advisory recommendations for the establishment of statutory ethical standards for the executive branch.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 978

LR 808(02)

**An Act To Extend the Jurisdiction of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
to the Executive Branch**

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

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices related to developing recommendations on ethical standards for the Executive branch can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.