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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1288, L.D. 1802, Bill, "An Act To Exempt Personal Constituent Information from the Freedom of Access Laws"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Right To Know Advisory Committee To Examine Issues Related to Private Information Contained in the Communications of Public Officials'

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

'Sec. 1. Electronic and other communications. Resolved: That the Right To Know Advisory Committee, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, shall examine issues relating to the protection of private information contained in electronic and other communications that are sent and received by public officials, particularly communications between elected public officials and their constituents. The advisory committee shall consider confidentiality requirements related to Legislators' oversight responsibilities. The advisory committee shall also consider appropriate warnings for public officials to provide with regard to communications that are or may be public records. The advisory committee shall submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters no later than February 15, 2011. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters may report out a bill in 2011 based on the report.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Right To Know Advisory Committee to examine the issues relating to the protection of private information in electronic and other communications sent and received by public officials, particularly communications between elected officials and their constituents. A report is

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due by February 15, 2011, and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters may report out a bill based on the report in 2011.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1802

LR 2577(02)

An Act To Exempt Personal Constituent Information from the Freedom of Access Laws

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 issues for review by the Right to Know Advisory Committee can be reviewed within the existing number of authorized and funded meetings of the committee. No additional funding is required.