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In Senate, March 22, 2011

An Act To Modify the Responsibilities of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

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

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, PATRICK of Oxford, Representative:
CAREY of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§5**, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §6, is amended to
3 read:

4 **5. Maine Clean Election Act and Maine Clean Election Fund.** To administer and
5 ensure the effective implementation of the Maine Clean Election Act and the Maine
6 Clean Election Fund according to Title 21-A, chapter 14; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 301, §1, is further
8 amended to read:

9 **6. Enhanced monitoring.** To provide for enhanced monitoring and enforcement of
10 election practices and the electronic submission of reports and computerized tracking of
11 campaign, election and lobbying information under the commission's jurisdiction; and

12 **Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §1008, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

13 **7. Advisory opinions.** To issue advisory opinions at the written request of a person
14 subject to the requirements of this chapter on an issue involving the duties of that person
15 under this chapter.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to
18 issue an advisory opinion at the request of a person with duties under the governmental
19 ethics laws.