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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

126TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 420, L.D. 1222, "Resolve, To Create a Task Force on Maine's Ethics and Transparency Laws"

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsections 1 and 2 (page 1, lines 17 to 26 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

1. Five members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature; and

3. Two members of the executive branch who are employed in major policy-influencing positions, appointed by the Governor.'

SUMMARY

This amendment makes changes to the membership of the task force by including 2 members of the executive branch employed in major policy-influencing positions appointed by the Governor without changing the total number of members on the task force. It also removes the requirement that legislative appointees to the task force serve on specific joint standing committees.



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Resolve, To Create a Task Force on Maine's Ethics and Transparency Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-97)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this task force are projected to be \$6,000 in fiscal year 2013-14. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs to provide staff assistance to the task force can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General and the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices associated with providing input and information to the task force can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.