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**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**  
OF THE  
**One Hundred And Fourteenth Legislature**  
OF THE  
**State Of Maine**

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**APPENDIX**

**LEGISLATIVE RECORD**

**of the**

**One Hundred and**

**Fourteenth Legislature**

**Commission on Governmental Ethics**

**and Election Practices**





EDWIN H. PERT

Clerk

MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Title I Maine Revised Statutes Annotated section 1013 places upon the Clerk of the House certain responsibilities relating to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Subsection 2-H provides

*H. A copy of the commission's advisory opinions and guidelines, with such deletions and changes as the commission deems necessary to protect the identity of the person seeking the opinions, or others, shall be filed with the Clerk of the House. The clerk shall keep them in a special binder and shall finally publish them in the Legislative Record. The commission may exempt an opinion or a part thereof from release, publication or inspection, if it deems such action appropriate for the protection of 3rd parties and makes available to the public an explanatory statement to that effect.*

Subsection 2-I provides

*I. A copy of the commission's findings of fact and opinions regarding complaints against Legislators shall also be filed with the Clerk of the House. The clerk shall keep them in a special binder and shall finally publish them in the Legislative Record.*

Pursuant to the provisions of Title I, communications dated January 12, 1989 and December 21, 1988 are respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Pert".

Edwin H. Pert  
Clerk of the House

COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL  
ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES

State House Station 101  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Augusta, Maine 04333

January 12, 1989

To: The Honorable Edwin H. Pert, Clerk of the House  
From: Marilyn Canavan, Administrative Assistant

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §1013(2)(H), I am submitting to you a copy of an advisory opinion issued to a member of the House of Representatives pursuant to a meeting of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices on November 28, 1988. In accordance with the provisions of the statute, I have edited the advisory opinion to comply with the wishes of the Representative.

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December 21, 1988

Request by a member of the House of Representatives for an advisory opinion submitted to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices on November 21, 1988.

QUESTION: Would a conflict of interest exist if a Legislator was employed in the District Attorney's office during the summer months?

ANSWER: After careful review of the Legislative Ethics statutes, 1 M.R.S.A. §1011 et seq., the Commission made a determination that no conflict of interest would exist under the law.

The Commission concluded that specific legislation might present a potential for conflict; i.e., a bill relating to District Attorneys' salaries or to a county budget.

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