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

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. A communication from a constituent to an elected official that clearly implies by its nature or content that the constituent expects that the communication is confidential or that is made for the purpose of requesting that the elected official render assistance or information relating to a personal and private matter affecting the constituent that is not publicly known or a communication from an elected official in response to such a communication from a constituent;

SUMMARY

This bill exempts from public records that are subject to the laws governing freedom of access any communication from a constituent to an elected official that the constituent expects to be confidential or that contains certain personal information and any communication from an elected official in response to such a communication.