



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Require the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Make Public Declarations following a Determination of a Campaign Statement's Falsity

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to investigate, upon complaint by a candidate, certain campaign statements. It is unknown how many complaints may be brought forth. If the complaints are numerous and complex, the Commission will require an additional staff person.

The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices has indicated that it is likely this legislation could be challenged legally. If that happens, and if the court finds for the plaintiff, the Commission could be required to pay the plaintiff's attorneys fees and court costs.