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Resolve, Directing the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices To Study Modifying the Maine Clean Election Act

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 PATRICK of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative VALENTINO of Saco and Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, CAREY of Lewiston, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland, TREAT of Hallowell. 1 Sec. 1. Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to 2 study the Maine Clean Election Act. Resolved: That the Commission on 3 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall study the Maine Clean Election Act to 4 address any adverse rulings by the United States Supreme Court in the case of <u>McComish</u> 5 <u>v. Bennett</u>, No. CV-08-1550-PHX-ROS (D. Ariz. Jan. 20, 2010); and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Commission on Governmental Ethics and 7 Election Practices shall submit a report of its findings including any suggested changes to 8 the Maine Clean Election Act pursuant to the study under section 1 by October 15, 2011 9 to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. The Joint Standing 10 Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs shall report out legislation based on the report 11 by December 1, 2011 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th 12 Legislature.

SUMMARY

14 This resolve directs the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to study the Maine Clean Election Act to address any adverse rulings by the United States 15 Supreme Court in the case of McComish v. Bennett, No. CV-08-1550-PHX-ROS (D. 16 Ariz. Jan. 20, 2010) and to report its findings, including any suggested changes, to the 17 18 Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by October 15, 2011. The Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs shall report out legislation based on 19 the report by December 1, 2011 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 20 21 125th Legislature.

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