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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Strengthen the Integrity of the Legislature'

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1024, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 129, §2, is amended to read:

1. Actions precluded. Beginning with the convening of the 127th Legislature, a person who has served as a Legislator may not engage in activities that would require registration as a lobbyist or lobbyist associate as defined by Title 3, section 312-A, subsections 10 and 10-A, respectively, until one year after that person's term as a Legislator ends. This subsection may not be construed to prohibit uncompensated lobbying by a former Legislator during the one-year period following the end of that Legislator's most recent term in office.

This subsection is repealed December 1, 2020.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1-A in the 3rd line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "4 years" and inserting the following: 'one year'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "person" the following: 'other than the State or an agency of the State'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 4 in paragraph A in the 3rd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "person" the following: 'other than the State or an agency of the State'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

Like the bill, this amendment removes the safe harbor in current law that allows a former Legislator to engage in up to 8 hours of lobbying per calendar month without violating the prohibition against a former Legislator engaging in compensated lobbying. Unlike the bill, which prohibits a former Legislator from engaging in compensated lobbying activities for 4 years after that Legislator's term ends, the amendment prohibits a former Legislator from engaging in compensated lobbying activities for one year after that Legislator's term ends.

The amendment also makes a technical change to the bill to ensure that the prohibition against a former Legislator engaging in compensated lobbying does not prohibit the former Legislator from engaging in lobbying as an employee of the State or of an agency of the State.