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PUBLIC LAW

## STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

### TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

## H.P. 1034 - L.D. 1576

# An Act to Extend a One-year Lobbying Prohibition to Partisan and Nonpartisan Staff of the Legislature

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

- **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §318-B,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 337, §2, is amended by amending the section headnote to read:
- §318-B. Former executive branch or legislative branch employee lobbying prohibited
- Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §318-B, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 337, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
  - C. "Former employee from the executive branch or legislative branch" means:
    - (1) An employee who was employed in the executive branch of this State:
      - (a) In the unclassified service, as defined in Title 5, section 7032, subsection 6-A;
      - (b) In the classified service;
      - (c) In a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor under Title 2, section 6; or
      - (d) In a major policy-influencing position under Title 5, chapter 71; and
    - (2) An employee who was employed in the Legislature, including a partisan legislative employee, nonpartisan legislative employee, committee clerk or employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House.
- Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §318-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 337, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
- 2. Lobbying prohibited. Beginning January 1, 2026, a former officer or former employee from the executive branch or legislative branch may not engage in compensated lobbying until one year after the termination of the employee's executive branch or legislative branch employment.
  - **Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.