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State of Maine
 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

June 20, 2013

TO: Senator Dawn Hill and Representative Peggy Rotundo, Chairs
 Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator John L. Tuttle Jr., and Representative Louis Luchini, Chairs
 Members, Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

RE: **VLA Bills on the Appropriations Table**

Veterans and Legal Affairs has 3 bills that have been placed on the Appropriations Table as of June 19th. Prior to the 19th, VLA had only 2 bills on the Table. Thus the committee did not hold a meeting or circulate a ballot to determine priorities since one of the bills was unanimous and the other divided. Below, please find listed those 3 bills and a brief comment about each with regard to the committee's position on the bill and the fiscal impacts.

1. **LD 1001 An Act to Improve Laws Governing Financial Disclosure by Legislators and Certain Public Employees and Public Access to Information Disclosed (Cain).** *This bill, as amended, received unanimous support from the committee. It requires a one-time general fund appropriation to allow for enhancements to the data base into which financial disclosures are reported and from which the public may access this important information required of legislators and certain influential executive branch employees.*
2. **LD 156 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning Early Voting and Voting by Absentee Ballot (Shaw).** *This bill, as amended, was supported by 10 members of the committee, while 3 voted ONTP. Although, this bill is on the Table, it would only result in a fiscal impact to the general fund if there were enough referenda on the next November election ballot to necessitate printing of an additional ballot.*
3. **LD 1309 An Act to Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act (Youngblood).** *This bill, as amended was supported by a majority of the committee with 5 voting ONTP.*

We hope the information above is helpful as you consider which bills with fiscal impact will be removed from the Table and funded. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

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