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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 582, L.D. 851, “Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Standards for Qualifications of Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services”

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "authorized." and inserting the following: 'authorized only if the following change is made:'

Amend the resolve in section 1 by inserting at the end the following:

'1. The rule must be amended in section 2, subsection 1, paragraph c) to provide that an attorney must inform the commission in writing within 5 days of the filing of any criminal charge against the attorney.'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires that the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services amend the proposed rule on standards for qualifications of assigned counsel to require that an attorney on the roster inform the commission in writing within 5 days of the filing of any criminal charge against the attorney. The provisionally adopted rule requires the report to be made promptly.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT