

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 883

H. P. 684

House of Representatives, February 19, 1969

Referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Political Committees and Political Advertising.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, § 1393-A, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1393-A, to read as follows :

§ 1393-A. Registration of officers

In addition to the registration of its treasurer, a political committee shall submit to the Office of the Secretary of State the names and addresses of all of its officers, whether or not said committee expends any money for the purposes set forth in section 1391.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 1575, amended. Section 1575 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, 2 new paragraphs, as follows :

No person shall publish, or cause to be published, in a newspaper or other periodical, any paid matter which is designed or tends to promote or defeat any candidate for public office, party, principle, initiative or referendum question, unless the name of the person or chairman of the organization inserting the same, or the name of some voter who is responsible therefor, with his residence and the street and number thereof, if any, appear in the nature of a signature. No person or corporation within this State, operating a radio station, television station, or network of either, shall broadcast or telecast any such paid political matter without announcing the person or organization paying therefor.

Any person or chairman of any organization who sponsors or causes to be published, broadcast or telecast political advertising as set forth in this section

through the submission or use of a false name, or who in any manner knowingly aids or abets the violation of any provision of this section, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days.