

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 595

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H. P. 480

House of Representatives, February 23, 1977

On motion of Mrs. Boudreau of Portland, referred to Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Trafton of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Reporting of Loans to Candidates.

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

21 **MRSA § 1397, sub-§ 6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 759, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**Whenever such a report contains a statement of the payment in full or in part of a loan, whether or not such loan is defined as a contribution under section 1392, subsection 2, paragraph A, the full or partial payment shall not be included in the total contributions or expenditures shown in that report or in any later report.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the procedure of reporting payment of loans made to candidates. The payment of loans made to a candidate will still be shown in the report but will not be included in the total of expenditures or contributions. Such reporting makes these totals appear greater than they really are.