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House of Representatives, January 21, 1993

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JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMKE of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representative GRAY of Sedgwick and Senator ESTY of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE

An Act to Prohibit the Chief of the State Police from Participating in Political Advertising.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1509 is enacted to read:

§1509. Political advertisement

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The Chief of the State Police may not appear in a paid political advertisement that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for public office or expressly advocates the initiation, promotion or defeat of a ballot question. This section applies to paid political advertisements that are disseminated through broadcasting stations, newspapers, magazines, outdoor advertising facilities, direct mailings and other similar types of general public political advertising, including flyers, handbills, bumper stickers and other nonperiodical publications.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill prohibits the Chief of the State Police from participating in a paid political advertisement for a candidate for public office or a ballot initiative.