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House of Representatives, February 22, 2005

An Act To Prohibit Campaign Expenditures except during an Established Campaign Season

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

6 **10. Advertising expenditures limited to general election**
7 **campaign period.** Candidates for the office of Governor, the
8 United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate,
9 the State House of Representatives and the State Senate and
10 political committees and political action committees may not make
11 or contract to make expenditures to finance a communication
12 expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly
13 identified candidate in the upcoming general election through
14 broadcasting stations, newspapers, magazines, outdoor advertising
15 facilities, direct mails or other similar means of general public
16 political advertising or through flyers, handbills, bumper
17 stickers and other nonperiodical publications, except during the
18 general election campaign period in the year that the candidate
19 is seeking office. For the purposes of this subsection, "general
20 election campaign period" means July 1st of the year of the
21 general election through the date of the general election. This
22 subsection does not prohibit making expenditures expressly
23 advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified
24 candidate in a primary or special election.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill establishes a general election campaign period and
29 prohibits advertising expenditures by candidates for Governor,
30 United States Senate, United States House of Representatives,
31 State Senate and State House of Representatives and political
32 committees and political action committees for communications
33 advocating the election or defeat in the general election of a
34 clearly identified candidate except during that period. This
35 bill does not prohibit advertising expenditures for primary or
36 special elections.