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House of Representatives, February 22, 2005

An Act To Regulate Political Advertising

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMPSON of China.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CAIN of Orono, EBERLE of South Portland, EMERY of Cutler, FLETCHER of Winslow, MILLER of Somerville, MOULTON of York, Senator: PERRY of Penobscot.

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

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

6 **SUBCHAPTER 4**

8 **ADVERTISING**

10 **§41. Restriction on certain advertisements**

12 An advertisement advocating the election or defeat of a
14 candidate for political office or the passage or defeat of a
16 referendum question may not be broadcast on television until 42
18 or fewer days before the primary, election or referendum that is
the subject of the advertisement. A television station that
violates this section is subject to a fine of \$1,000. Each
broadcast of an advertisement in violation of this section
constitutes a separate violation.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill prohibits broadcasting television advertisements
24 advocating the election or defeat of a candidate for political
26 office or the passage or defeat of a referendum question until 42
days or fewer before the primary, election or referendum.