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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1399, L.D. 2015, Bill, "An Act To Ensure Integrity in Financing Publicly Funded Campaigns"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §16, is further amended to read:

5. Content. A report required under this section must contain the itemized accounts of contributions received during that report filing period, including the date a contribution was received, and the name, address, occupation, principal place of business, if any, and the amount of the contribution of each person who has made a contribution or contributions aggregating in excess of \$50. The report must contain the itemized expenditures made or authorized during the report filing period, the date and purpose of each expenditure and the name of each payee and creditor. If the payee is a member of the candidate's household, the candidate must disclose the family relationship in a manner prescribed by the commission. The report must contain a statement of any loan to a candidate by a financial institution in connection with that candidate's candidacy that is made during the period covered by the report, whether or not the loan is defined as a contribution under section 1012, subsection 2, paragraph A. The candidate and the treasurer are jointly and severally responsible for the timely and accurate filing of each required report.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§6-B is enacted to read:

6-B. Expenditures as payment to household members. A candidate may not make expenditures using fund revenues to pay the candidate, a member of the candidate's household or a business, corporation or nonprofit entity in which the candidate or a member of the candidate's household holds a significant proprietary or financial interest, unless the candidate submits evidence according to procedures established by the commission that the expenditure will be made:

A. For a legitimate campaign-related purpose;

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1 B. To an individual or business that provides the goods or services being purchased
2 in the normal course of their occupation or business; and

3 C. In an amount that is reasonable taking into consideration current market value and
4 other factors the commission may choose to consider.

5 This subsection does not prohibit reimbursement to a member of a candidate's household
6 when made in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted by the commission.'

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits the use of funds from
9 the Maine Clean Election Fund as payment to a member of a candidate's household,
10 unless the candidate provides evidence that the payment was for a legitimate campaign
11 expense for goods and services priced at a fair market value and that the household
12 member provides those goods or services as a regular part of their occupation or business.
13 The amendment also requires that candidates who are not certified as Maine Clean
14 Election Act candidates disclose when they use campaign funds to pay a household
15 member for campaign-related goods or services.

16 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
17 **(See attached)**



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: No

Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact