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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 654,
L.D. 1902, Bill, "An Act To Define the Term "Caucus Political Action Committee""

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Define the Terms "Caucus Political Action Committee" and
"Unenrolled Political Action Committee"'

Amend the amendment on page 3 by inserting after paragraph H the following:

'Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1001, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Unenrolled political action committee. "Unenrolled political action committee" means a political action committee designated under section 1053-C, subsection 3 to promote the election of unenrolled candidates to the Senate or the House of Representatives.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "committees" the following: 'unenrolled political action committees'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1053-C is enacted to read:

§1053-C. Caucus political action committees and unenrolled political action committees

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "House caucus leader" means a member of a political party in the House of Representatives who has been elected the leader of that political party in the House of Representatives. For purposes of this paragraph, if the Speaker of the House of Representatives is a member of a political party, the Speaker of the House of Representatives is deemed the House caucus leader of that political party.

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1 B. "House unenrolled leader" means a member of the House of Representatives who
2 is not enrolled in a political party and who has been elected the leader of the members
3 of the House of Representatives who are not enrolled in a political party. For
4 purposes of this paragraph, if the Speaker of the House of Representatives is not
5 enrolled in a political party, the Speaker of the House of Representatives is deemed
6 the House unenrolled leader.

7 C. "Political party" has the same meaning as "party" as defined by section 1,
8 subsection 28.

9 D. "Senate caucus leader" means a member of a political party in the Senate who has
10 been elected the leader of that political party in the Senate. For purposes of this
11 paragraph, if the President of the Senate is a member of a political party, the
12 President of the Senate is deemed the Senate caucus leader of that political party.

13 E. "Senate unenrolled leader" means a member of the Senate who is not enrolled in a
14 political party and who has been elected the leader of the members of the Senate who
15 are not enrolled in a political party. For purposes of this paragraph, if the President
16 of the Senate is not enrolled in a political party, the President of the Senate is deemed
17 the Senate unenrolled leader.

18 2. Designation of caucus political action committee. Each Senate caucus leader
19 and each House caucus leader may designate one caucus political action committee to
20 promote the election of nominees of the caucus leader's political party to the body of the
21 Legislature of which the caucus leader is a member. The designation must be made in a
22 letter to the commission and remains effective until a new designation is made in a
23 letter to the commission from the caucus leader of the same political party and same body of
24 the Legislature.

25 3. Designation of unenrolled political action committee. The Senate unenrolled
26 leader and the House unenrolled leader may each designate one unenrolled political
27 action committee to promote the election of unenrolled candidates to the body of the
28 Legislature of which the unenrolled leader is a member. The designation must be made
29 in a letter to the commission and remains effective until a new designation is made in a
30 letter to the commission from the unenrolled leader of the same body of the Legislature.

31 Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

32 '**Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §1122, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

33 10. Unenrolled political action committee. "Unenrolled political action
34 committee" has the same meaning as in section 1001, subsection 4.'

35 Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 6-F in the blocked paragraph in the 5th line
36 (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "committee," the following: 'an
37 unenrolled political action committee.'


38 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
39 or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment allows the unenrolled members of the Senate and the unenrolled members of the House of Representatives to elect a leader who may designate an unenrolled political action committee to promote the election of unenrolled candidates to that body of the Legislature. Like a caucus political action committee, an unenrolled political action committee may make unlimited donations to a candidate to fund a recount. In addition, although Maine Clean Election Act candidates are generally prohibited from serving as the treasurer, principal officer, primary fund-raiser or primary decision maker for a political action committee, the amendment authorizes Maine Clean Election Act candidates to engage in fund-raising or decision making for an unenrolled political action committee to the same extent that Maine Clean Election Act candidates may engage in such activities for a caucus political action committee.

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