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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 22, L.D. 9, "An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure"

Amend the bill in section 4 in §1005 in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting the following: 'and,'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §1005 in the first indented paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "1056-B" the following: 'and ballot question committees'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 2-B in the 2nd blocked paragraph in the last two lines (page 3, lines 13 and 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "broadcast or cable television, broadcast radio, Internet audio and video programming, direct mail or newspaper" and inserting the following: 'broadcast or cable television, broadcast radio, broadcast, cable or satellite systems; Internet audio and video programming; direct mail; or newspaper'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 2-B in the 3rd blocked paragraph in the first line (page 3, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "cable television, broadcast television" and inserting the following: 'cable television, broadcast television broadcast, cable or satellite television communication'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 2-B in the 3rd blocked paragraph in the 2nd line (page 3, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "cable television, broadcast television" and inserting the following: 'cable television, broadcast television broadcast, cable or satellite television communication'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 2-B in the 3rd blocked paragraph in the 3rd line (page 3, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "30" and inserting the following: '30 60'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 2-B in the 3rd blocked paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 3, lines 17 and 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "modified to

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- 1 include only the single top funder" and inserting the following: ~~'modified to include only~~  
2 ~~the single top funder omitted'~~
- 3 Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 2-B in paragraph A in subparagraph  
4 (2) in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 3, lines 27 and 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following:  
5 "including a promise or agreement to provide money or anything of value whether or not  
6 legally enforceable," and inserting the following: ~~'including a promise or agreement to~~  
7 ~~provide money or anything of value whether or not legally enforceable,'~~
- 8 Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 2-B in paragraph F in the first line  
9 (page 4, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "In" and inserting the following: 'In  
10 The statement required under this subsection is not required in'
- 11 Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 2-B in paragraph F in the first line  
12 (page 4, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "30" and inserting the following: '30  
13 60'
- 14 Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 2-B in paragraph F in the last 2 lines  
15 (page 4, lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", the requirements of this  
16 subsection are satisfied by including the name of the single highest funder only" and  
17 inserting the following: ~~','the requirements of this subsection are satisfied by including the~~  
18 ~~name of the single highest funder only'~~
- 19 Amend the bill in section 7 in §1014 in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 4, line 23 in  
20 L.D.) by striking out the following: "broadcasting station or cable television" and inserting  
21 the following: ~~'broadcasting station or cable television broadcast, cable or satellite'~~
- 22 Amend the bill in section 22 in subsection 1 in the 13th line (page 9, line 36 in L.D.)  
23 by inserting after the following: "messages" the following: 'with the assistance of mass  
24 distribution technology'
- 25 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
26 number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

- 27 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.
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- 29 1. It makes a technical correction to continue to include reports filed by ballot question  
30 committees in the prohibition on the use, for any commercial purpose, of information  
31 concerning contributors contained in that report.
- 32 2. It makes technical adjustments to references to cable television and broadcast  
33 television to include satellite systems in order to reflect the language in the definition of  
34 "public communication" contained in the bill.
- 35 3. It changes the requirements for when the top 3 funders statement is necessary for  
36 public communications funded by an entity making an independent expenditure. In current  
37 law, for cable television, broadcast television or Internet video communication 30 seconds  
38 or less in duration, the audible statement may be modified to include only the single top  
39 funder. The amendment increases the communication duration to 60 seconds or less and  
40 removes the requirement that any audible statement be included on such communications.  
41 A written statement is still required.

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4. It also amends the requirements for any public communication consisting of an audio broadcast of 30 seconds or less or a print communication of 20 square inches or less to increase the audio duration to 60 seconds and to remove the requirement that a statement including the single highest funder be included on such communications.

5. It also clarifies that, when referring to public communications to influence ballot question elections, the criteria for text messages to clearly and conspicuously state the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure also include the transmission of text messages with the assistance of mass distribution technology.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**



Approved: 05/19/25 **LRL**

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## An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase – Other Special Revenue Funds

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.