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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1137, L.D. 1702, "An Act to Amend Election Polling Place Candidate Restrictions"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, many municipalities in the State will hold elections in June; and

Whereas, this legislation makes changes to polling place restrictions on candidates, and those changes need to be in place prior to those elections; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 7 in paragraph A in the last line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or"

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 7 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 1, lines 30 to 32 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'B. Collect or solicit contributions in support of the candidate's candidacy for an office the candidate is seeking in that election year. For the purposes of this paragraph, "contribution" has the same meaning as in section 1012, subsection 2; or

C. Collect or solicit qualifying contributions under the Maine Clean Election Act in support of the participating candidate's candidacy for an office the candidate is seeking in that election year. For the purposes of this paragraph, "participating candidate" has the same meaning as in section 1122, subsection 6 and "qualifying contribution" has the same meaning as in section 1122, subsection 7.'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

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1 **'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
2 takes effect when approved.'

3 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
4 number to read consecutively.

5 SUMMARY

6 This amendment clarifies that the prohibition on a candidate or the candidate's
7 representative, on public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well
8 as within the voting place itself, from collecting or soliciting contributions applies to
9 qualifying contributions to participating candidates seeking to be certified as Maine Clean
10 Election Act candidates and to contributions to other candidates seeking election to an
11 office in that election year. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and
12 emergency clause.