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LD 194 / SP0082

An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Government-owned Entities To Influence Referenda. Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Public Hearing 03/15/21. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/09/21. Amended by: CA S-125, HA H-581. Final Disposition: Enacted. (Veto Sustained 06/30/21).

Original Bill

[LD 194 \(130th Legis. 2021\)](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

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[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/15/2021\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-0125\) \(LD 194 2021\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-0252\) \(LD 194 2021\)](#)

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News Articles

Maine lawmakers revive effort to bar foreign influence in state referendums (Steve Mistler) (Bangor Daily News, 2/1/2021, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/BDN 210201C.pdf)

New legislation would silence foreign entities on ballot referendums (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 3/16/2021, p. jA1, A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/PPH 210316C.pdf)

New election rules treat First Amendment as 'loophole' (Gerald Petrucelli) (Portland Press Herald, 3/23/2021, p. A11) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/PPH 210323C.pdf)

Stop foreign meddling in Maine businesses (Richard A. Bennett) (Portland Press Herald, 3/23/2021, p. A11) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/PPH 210323D.pdf)

Should Canadian meddling get a pass? (Sam Patten) (Courier-Gazette, 3/25/2021, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/Courier-Gazette 210325J.pdf)

CMP hydro project sparks debate over foreign influence on state politics (Steve Mistler) (Bangor Daily News, 4/16/2021, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/BDN 210416C.pdf)

Big spending on the CMP corridor and bills to keep it from happening again (Ethan Andrews) (Free Press, 3/30/2021, p. 1,3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/Free Press 210330A.pdf)

Foreign money does not belong in Maine's elections (Richard Bennett) (Kennebec Journal, 3/27/2021, p. A11) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/KJ 210327B.pdf)

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Don't be afraid of Canada (Scott Strom) (Kennebec Journal, 5/11/2021, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/KJ 210511B.pdf)

- LD 194 ought to pass (Bob Haynes) (Machias Valley News Observer, 6/2/2021, p. 7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/MVNO 210602E.pdf)
- Maine should ban political spending by foreign-influenced corporations (John Brautigam and Ron Fein) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 4/7/2021, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/Sun Journal 210407C.pdf)
- Legislature near enacting measure to rein in foreign referendum spending (Steve Mistler) (Bangor Daily News, 6/17/2021, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/BDN 210617B.pdf)
- Mills vetoes bill to close Long Creek youth prison in two years (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 6/25/2021, p. A1, A7, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/PPH 210625B.pdf)
- Bill will prevent foreign influence on our elections (Joe Baldacci) (Kennebec Journal, 6/5/2021, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/KJ 210605B.pdf)
- Maine House backs limiting foreign spending in state elections (Jessica Piper and Caitlin Andrews) (Bangor Daily News, 6/11/2021, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/BDN 210611B.pdf)
- Bill to curtail foreign spending meant to sway Maine referendums advances (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 6/16/2021, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/PPH 210616C.pdf)
- Corridor critics want voters to bar foreign government spending in races (Caitlin Andrews) (Bangor Daily News, 8/27/2021, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/BDN 210827C.pdf)
- Safeguard referendums against foreign intrusion (Charlotte Warren and Patrick Corey) (Portland Press Herald, 12/7/2021, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/PPH 211207E.pdf)
- Protecting Maine's elections is not a partisan issue (Billy Bob Faulkingham) (Ellsworth American, 1/20/2022, p. Sec. II, p. 9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD01xx/nc130-LD-0194/Ellsworth American 220120F.pdf)
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