

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES**

**MAY 1994**

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number, together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

*PUBLIC XXX*

*P&S XXX*

*RESOLVE XXX*

*CON RES XXX*

*EMERGENCY*

*ONTP*

*INDEF PP*

*FAILED ENACTMENT*

*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT*

*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*

*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*

*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*

*VETO SUSTAINED*

*UNSIGNED*

*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*

*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*

*Chapter # of enacted Resolve*

*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*

*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*

*Ought Not to Pass report accepted*

*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*

*Bill failed to get majority vote*

*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*

*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*

*House & Senate disagree; bill died*

*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*

*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

*Not signed by Governor within 10 days*

*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*

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then file a complaint with the Administrative Court. The complaint must be served on the commission and serving and filing of the complaint must be completed within 30 days of the mailing of the commission's decision.

The bill was created pursuant to joint order.

**LD 2013**

**An Act to Clarify Reporting Requirements for Party  
Committees and Political Action Committees**

PUBLIC 715

**SPONSOR(S)**  
PARADIS P

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-1126 BENNETT

**SUMMARY**

This bill adds a subchapter to the campaign finance and reporting laws that defines political causes and expands the reporting requirements for party committees and political action committees to include expenditures on behalf of political causes.

This bill requires a party committee or political action committee to report to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices the issue or matter of public concern that is the subject of the expenditure and the date and amount of each expenditure.

When a party committee or political action committee makes an expenditure to finance a communication, through advertising, concerning a political cause, the communication or political action committee that authorized and made or financed the expenditure for the communication.

This bill was never referred to committee.

House Amendment "B" (H-1126) replaces the original bill and requires all expenditures of all kinds to be reported by party committees and political action committees.

The amendment also replaces the fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" (H-1125) would have changed the term "party committee" to "political action committee", which was the intent of the bill.