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Your memorandum of September 20, poses a hypothetical situation wherein a candidate for elective office puts on a fund-raising dinner at a total cost of \$100 for tickets, food, etc., from which he realizes a net profit of \$400. You ask if the candidate must include the \$100 cost factor as a campaign expenditure in his report to your office. We answer in the affirmative.

21 M.R.S.A. § 1395, sub-§ 3, limits the expenditures a candidate for office may make or authorize "on behalf of such candidacy." The purpose of the dinner is the raising of funds in support of the candidate's campaign, and the cost of such dinner is an expenditure to accomplish such purpose.

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