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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 104th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to S. P. 412, L. D. 1368, Bill, "AN ACT Prohibiting the Expenditure of Public Funds to Promote or Oppose Measures to be Voted on at Elections."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'R. S., T. 17, § 3105, additional. Title 17 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3105, to read as follows:

No official, elected or appointed, or employee of the State or any political subdivision or instrumentality thereof shall expend or use public funds, either directly or indirectly, to promote or oppose a candidate, party, principle or an initiative or referendum question, or to influence the outcome of any election or referendum, except that such official or employee may comment on the effect of the adoption or rejection of a proposed bond issue or constitutional amendment. This section shall not apply to any such official or employee acting under Title 30, chapter 242.

Any person who shall violate this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both. The fine imposed shall inure to the governmental entity whose funds were so used or expended.'

Filed by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

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