

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Limiting the Amount of Money Spent by Candidates Seeking  
Political Office**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 21, § 1395, sub-§§ 3, 4 and 5, additional. Section 1395 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding the following new subsections:

3. General election. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no candidate for political office in a general election shall dispense on behalf of such candidacy for advertising or other services an amount of money greater than the total compensation authorized for such office in any one year or 10¢ multiplied by the number of votes cast for all legally qualified candidates for such office at the last preceding general election for such office, whichever amount is the greater.

4. Primary election. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no candidate for political office in a primary election shall dispense on behalf of such candidacy for advertising or other services an amount of money greater than 50% of either alternative specified in subsection 3, whichever amount is the greater.

5. Expenditure in behalf of. Amounts spent on behalf of any candidate for political office, as specified in subsections 3 and 4 shall be deemed to have been spent by such candidate.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would limit the amount of money spent by or in behalf of any candidate for political office in either a primary or general election.