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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
105TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1567, L. D. 2022, Bill "AN ACT to Clarify Party Enrollment Requirements for Filing Nomination Petitions Under the Election Laws."

Amend said Bill in the Title by inserting at the end before the period, the following:

'and to Clarify the Amount of Money Spent by Candidates for the Legislature'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause, the abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before the emergency clause, the following:

'Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 1395, sub-§ 3 amended. Subsection 3 of section 1395 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 207 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

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, as described in section 1575, an amount of money greater than the annual salary 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, except that no candidate for the Legislature shall expend an amount exceeding the annual salary for that office and except that a candidate for Governor and United States

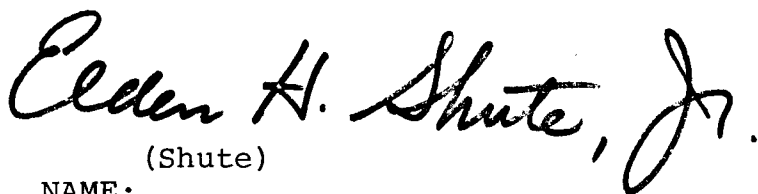
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Senator shall be allowed to dispense twice the amount provided in this subsection.'

Statement of Fact

The Attorney General's office has ruled^{that}/the wording of Title 21, section 1395 requires the Election Division to multiply the number of votes cast for "all legally qualified candidates" by 10~~0~~ to be taken literally. This means that in the City of Portland with 25 candidates for the House in both parties that the amount allowable to be spent would go as high as \$20,000. The proposed additional amendment is designed to bring the maximum allowable within the realm of common sense.

Proposed by:



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NAME:

COUNTY: Franklin

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