

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1324

H. P. 1010

House of Representatives, March 6, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Murray of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Permitting a Dollar Check-off on Income Tax
Returns for Election Campaign Fund.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 21, c. 36, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 36 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 36

MAINE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND

§ 1411. Maine Election Campaign Fund

This section provides for public support of election campaign financing. Individual taxpayers are to be able to designate on their annual tax returns that \$1 of their income tax liability is to be placed in the Maine Election Campaign Fund as provided in Title 36, section 5283. The amounts in the fund are to be made available to defray the expenses incurred by political parties in presenting candidates for state and national office. Amounts shall only be paid to major and minor political parties, as defined in section 1.

A major or minor political party shall be eligible to receive a payment from the fund equal to \$1 times the number of people designating a dollar to that major or minor political party.

The state committees of the political parties shall determine the amount each candidate of their party receives from their portion of the Maine Election Campaign Fund.

The Treasurer of State shall make payments to the treasurer of the qualifying political state committees, as certified by the Secretary of State, by July 30th of each election year.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 36, § 5283, additional. Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 5283 to read as follows:

§ 5283. Designation by individuals

Every individual, other than a nonresident alien, whose income tax liability for any taxable year is \$1 or more may designate that \$1 shall be paid into the Maine Election Campaign Fund, which is hereby established.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title and establishes a Maine Election Campaign Fund.