

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1721

S. P. 557

In Senate, April 3, 1973

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Kelley of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Legislative Counsel or Agents.

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

R. S., T. 3, § 312, amended. Section 312 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

It shall be the duty of every person who employs a legislative agent or counsel to file a statement setting forth the following information:

1. Reimbursement. The reimbursement for expenses other than salary, if any.

2. Statement. A statement whether the agent or counsel is employed in a part-time or full-time capacity in any matters other than in respect to legislative matters.

The statement shall be signed by the employer and the legislative agent or counsel and shall be filed with the Secretary of State within 7 days of his employment. Within 60 days after adjournment of any legislative session each person who employs a legislative agent or counsel shall file a report which shall contain the amount of reimbursement for expenses paid, including the amount expended by said agent or counsel but not yet reimbursed. The said report shall be signed by the employer and the said legislative agent or counsel.

Any person required by this section to sign or file a report who shall willfully fail to do so or who shall willfully sign or file a false report shall be punished as in the case of perjury.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to require persons employing a legislative agent or counsel to file a disclosure of certain financial and other employment information.