

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 2, 1974

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Brennan of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Relating to Receipts and Expenditures for
Candidates for Office of Governor.

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

R. S., T. 21, § 1402, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1402 to read as follows:

§ 1402. Office of Governor

Any candidate for the office of Governor who files a petition pursuant to sections 445 and 446 shall at the same time file a report of all receipts and expenditures intended to benefit his candidacy for the 6 months immediately preceding such filing.

Any candidate for the office of Governor who files a petition pursuant to sections 492 and 493 shall at the same time file a report of all receipts and expenditures intended to benefit his candidacy for the 8 months immediately preceding such filing.

1. Receipts. For the purpose of this section receipts shall include:

A. Any gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value made for the purpose of benefiting any candidate;

B. Any contract, promise or agreement, express or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution for such purposes;

C. Any transfer of funds between political committees;

D. Any payment, by any person other than the candidate or a political committee, of compensation for the personal services of another person which are rendered to such candidate or political committee without charge for any purpose;

E. Notwithstanding the foregoing inclusion of personal services as a "receipt" the word shall not be construed to include services provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion of all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee.

2. Expenditures. For the purpose of this section expenditures shall include:

A. Any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money or anything of value made for the purposes of benefiting any candidate;

B. Any contract, promise or agreement, express or implied, whether or not legally enforceable, to make any expenditure;

C. Any transfer of funds between political committees;

D. Expenditure shall further include, but not be limited to, all moneys or other valuable thing expended for:

(1) Public opinion surveys which mention the candidate's name;

(2) Salaries and wages paid to individuals whose work is intended to promote the candidate or to develop demographic data, computerize mailing lists and voting lists and any other information intended to benefit the candidate;

(3) Any computer services intended to benefit the candidate;

(4) Registration and enrollment of voters;

(5) Production and display of advertising materials which mention the name of the candidate; and

(6) Production or display of newspaper, periodical, television and radio commercials or programs intended to benefit the candidate.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to protect the public's right to know all the pertinent facts relating to how candidates for major office finance and conduct their campaigns.