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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2265

S. P. 785

In Senate, January 2, 1974

Referred to Committee on Election Laws. 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-FOUR

AN ACT to Prohibit Corporate Contributions for Candidates, Political Parties and Referenda.

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

R. S., T. 21, § 1580, sub-§ 11, additional. Section 1580 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 11 to read as follows:

11. Corporate contributions and assistance. A corporation which contributes money, or provides any form of assistance of corporate facilities and employees for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any political party, candidate for public office, or public referendum of direct initiative legislation or the state-wide public referendum of any statute.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Public confidence in campaign funding for political elections is at present very low. In order to clear up the present ambiguity in Maine regarding corporate contributions and assistance, it is necessary to prohibit corporate contributions for Maine elections as is now the case with contributions for federal offices.