

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1628

H. P. 1416

House of Representatives, April 14, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Campaign Expense Reports.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 1397, sub-§ 4, 2nd ¶, 1st and 2nd sentences, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 759, § 1, are amended to read:

Such report shall contain an itemized account of each expenditure in any election of an aggregate amount of ~~\$50 or more in excess of \$50~~, the purpose of each and the name of each payee or creditor. Such report shall contain an itemized account of each contribution in any election of an aggregate amount of ~~\$50 or more in excess of \$50~~ received, the name and address of each such contributor and the occupation and principal place of business, if any, of such contributor.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1397, sub-§ 6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 759, § 1, is amended to read:

6. Content. The report shall contain the itemized accounts of contributions received and the name and address of each person who has made a contribution of an aggregate amount of ~~\$50 or more in excess of \$50~~ for that election. It shall contain the itemized accounts of expenditures made or authorized, the purpose of each and the name of each payee and creditor. Total contributions of less than \$500, except when contributions in any election by one person in an aggregate amount of ~~\$50 or more in excess of \$50~~ are included, and total expenditures of less than \$500 need not be itemized.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would amend the campaign finance laws to require the reporting of contributions and expenditures in excess of \$50 rather than the reporting of contributions and expenditures of \$50 or more.