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STATE OF MAINE  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 78, L.D. 167, Bill, "AN  
ACT to Amend the Campaign Finance Law."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the  
following:

'Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §1397, sub-§7, first sentence as  
repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 575, §13, is amended  
to read:

Reports required by this chapter shall be on forms prescribed  
by the commission and, prepared by the Secretary of State and  
sent by the commission to the candidate at least 7 days prior  
to the filing date for the report.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3  
the following:

'Sec. 4. 21 MRSA §1398, first ¶, as repealed and  
replaced by PL 1977, c. 575, §14, is amended by adding at the  
end the following:

If the reason for the late filing is that the forms sent to  
the candidate by the commission were not postmarked at least  
7 days prior to the filing date, the period for filing shall  
be increased by the deficiency without penalty.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end the following:

'Sec. 6. 21 MRSA §1475, as amended by PL 1975, c. 761, §55, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1475. New candidate or nominee to file campaign report

1. Campaign report. A candidate for nomination or a nominee chosen to fill a vacancy shall file a campaign report, as prescribed in section 1397, with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices within 15 days after his appointment and thereafter on the schedule prescribed by section 1397. The commission shall furnish notification of this requirement and report forms to the candidate immediately upon his appointment.

2. Penalty. There shall be a penalty of \$10 for each day that a report required to be filed under this section is late. If the forms sent to the candidate by the commission were not postmarked at least 7 days prior to the filing date, the period for filing shall be increased by the deficiency without penalty.'

further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Statement of Fact

This amendment requires that forms for candidates to file campaign contributions shall be mailed to the candidates at least 7 days prior to their due date. In addition, it increases the number of filing days without penalty.

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