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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-545)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1050, L.D. 1301, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify the Requirements Relating to Campaign Reports and Finances."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §1396, sub-§2, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 759, §1, is amended to read:

B. The identification of every person making a contribution in excess of \$10, and the date and amount thereof and, if a person's contributions in any ~~election~~ report filing period aggregate more than \$50, the account shall include occupation and principal place of business, if any, and, if such person is a member of a candidate's immediate family as defined in section 1395, subsection 1, the account shall state such relationship. For purposes of this paragraph, "filing period" is as provided in section 1397, subsection 4, paragraph A;

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §1397, sub-§4, ¶A, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 575, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Other reports shall be complete for the filing period. A filing period is that period of time from one completion date to the next completion date except as provided heretofore for first reports.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §1397, sub-§4, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 575, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. Reports shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the 42nd day after the date on which an election is held and shall be complete for the filing period.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA §1397, sub-§6, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 575, §13, is amended to read:

6. Content. A report required under this section shall contain the itemized accounts of contributions received and the name, address, occupation and principal place of business, if any, of each person who has made a contribution of an aggregate amount in excess of \$50 for that election report filing period. It shall contain the itemized expenditures made or authorized, the purpose of each and the name of each payee and creditor. Total contributions with respect to an election of less than \$500, ~~except when contributions in any election by one person in an aggregate amount in excess of \$50 are included,~~ and total expenditures of less than \$500 need not be itemized. Such report shall contain a statement of any loan of money in an aggregate amount of \$500 or more to a candidate by a financial institution made during the period covered by the report, whether or not such loan is defined as a contribution under section 1392, subsection 2, paragraph A.

Sec. 5. 21 MRSA §1397, sub-§7, first sentence, as last 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 in duplicate by the Secretary of State to each candidate.

Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>
SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$235	\$186

Funds appropriated are
to be used to defray cost
of mailing.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides a definition of filing period and substitutes that phrase for specific language in the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Election Laws
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Clerk of the House.
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