

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 387

House of Representatives, January 26, 1981

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative J. Diamond of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Clarify Lobbyist Disclosure Procedures.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 314, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 632, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Joint registrations filed in December of an even-numbered year shall automatically expire on the last day of the following calendar year.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA § 320, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 724, is amended to read:

The Secretary of State shall, no later than December 15th of ~~each~~ **the year prior to any proposed change**, establish the amount of the registration fee required to be paid pursuant to section 313 for the subsequent year ~~except that the registration fee for the year 1976 shall be \$15.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

Section 1 of the bill eliminates the technical inconsistency apparently requiring 2 registrations for the first regular session of the Legislature merely because it convenes in December of the even-numbered year.

Section 2 of the bill will eliminate the requirement to establish the registration

fee for lobbyists each year when no change is needed. Thus, when the fee remains the same from year to year, no expensive advertising through the Maine Administrative Procedure Act requirements will be necessary.