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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 198, L.D. 566, Bill, "AN ACT to Forbid Payments for Signing or Distributing State Referendum Petitions or absentee Ballots."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enact-  
clause and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §602, sub-§1, ¶A and B, as enacted by  
PL 1975, c. 499, §1, are amended to read:

A. He promises, offers, or gives any pecuniary benefit to another with the intention of influencing the other's action, decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, nomination or other exercise of discretion as a public servant, party official or voter; or

B. Being a public servant, party official, candidate for electoral office or voter, he solicits, accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit from another knowing or believing the other's purpose to be as described in subsection 1, paragraph A, or fails to report to a law enforcement officer that he has been offered or promised a pecuniary benefit in violation of subsection 1, paragraph A; or

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §602, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. He promises, offers or gives any pecuniary benefit to another with the intention of obtaining the other's signature on an absentee ballot under Title 21, chapter 29 or

referendum petition under Title 21, chapter 33, or he solicits, accepts or agrees to accept any pecuniary benefit from another knowing or believing the other's purpose is to obtain his signature on an absentee ballot or referendum petition, or fails to report to a law enforcement officer that he has been offered or promised a pecuniary benefit in violation of this paragraph.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to prohibit anyone from giving or taking money or property for signing an absentee ballot or referendum petition.

Reported by the Committee on Election Laws.

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