

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 768

S.P. 247

In Senate, February 15, 1983

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Kany of Kennebec.

Cosponsors: Representative Hall of Sangerville, Representative Diamond of Bangor and Senator Baldacci of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Require Campaign Contributions
to be Reported in the Lobbyist Disclosure
Law.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §312, sub-§4, as reenacted by PL 1975, c. 724, is amended to read:

4. Employer. "Employer" means a person who agrees to reimburse for expenditures or to compensate a person who in return agrees to provide services. Employer includes any political action committee as defined in this section which communicates through or uses the services of a lobbyist to make campaign contributions or to influence in any way the political process.

1 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §312, sub-§6, as reenacted by PL
2 1975, c. 724, is amended to read:

3 6. Expenditure. "Expenditure" means any advance,
4 conveyance, deposit, distribution, transfer of funds,
5 payment, pledge or subscription of money or anything
6 of value or any contract, promise or agreement to
7 transfer funds or anything of value, whether or not
8 legally enforceable. Expenditure includes any cam-
9 campaign contribution that is provided to a Legislator
10 between the time a Legislator is sworn into office
11 for the first regular session of the Legislature and
12 the end of the second regular session.

13 Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §312, sub-§11-A is enacted to
14 read:

15 11-A. Political Action Committee. "Political
16 Action Committee" includes:

17 A. Any separate or segregated fund established
18 by any corporation, membership organization,
19 cooperative or labor organization whose purpose
20 is to influence the outcome of an election
21 including a candidate or question; and

22 B. Any person, as defined in subsection 11 which
23 serves as a funding and transfer mechanism and by
24 which moneys are expended to advance, promote,
25 defeat, influence in any way, or initiate a can-
26 didate, campaign, political party, referendum or
27 initiated petition in this State.

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 The purpose of this bill is to require campaign
30 contributions to be reported in the lobbyist disclo-
31 sure law. The principle is disclosure and not pro-
32 hibition.

33 The proposal in this bill does not change the
34 definitions of lobbying or lobbyist and it does not
35 make anyone a lobbyist who is not now a lobbyist.

36 This bill requires a lobbyist who provides cam-
37 paign funds or who represents a political action com-

1 mittee and provides campaign funds during the time
2 period from the swearing in of the Legislator to the
3 end of the second regular session of the Legislature,
4 to report the campaign contribution as a lobbyist
5 expenditure.

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