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L.D. 2176

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1651,
L.D. 2176, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Political Action
Committee Registration and Reporting Law."

Amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting
clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
lature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the political action committee registra-
tion and reporting law governs the activities of the
political action committees in state elections; and

Whereas, the election campaign activities of
state candidates will be starting soon; and

Whereas, political action committees, as well as
other contributors, ought to be governed by an estab-
lished, uniform set of requirements right from the
beginning of the campaign; and

Whereas, unless these amendments to the registra-
tion and reporting law are enacted immediately, po-
litical action committees, candidates, contributors
and election law administrators will be faced with
requirements which change midway through the cam-
paign; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
the Constitution of Maine and require the following
legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
therefore,'

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1 Further amend the Bill by striking out all of
2 section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

3 'Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §1552, sub-§7, as enacted by PL
4 1983, c. 365, is amended to read:

5 7. Political action committee. "Political ac-
6 tion committee" includes:

7 A. Any separate or segregated fund established
8 by any corporation, membership organization, co-
9 operative or labor organization whose purpose is
10 to influence the outcome of an election including
11 a candidate or question; and

12 B. Any person, as defined in subsection 6 which
13 serves as a funding and transfer mechanism and by
14 which moneys are expended to advance, promote,
15 defeat, influence in any way, or initiate a candi-
16 date, campaign, political party, referendum or
17 initiated petition in this State.

18 Political action committee does not include a candi-
19 date or a candidate's treasurer as described in sec-
20 tion 1393, subsection 1, a candidate's authorized po-
21 litical committee as described in section 1393, sub-
22 section 2 or a party committee as described in sec-
23 tion 1393, subsection 4.'

24 Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end
25 before the statement of fact the following:

26 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
27 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
28 proved.'

29 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 The purposes of this amendment are to restore the
31 original language of the law requiring political ac-

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1 tion committees organized in the State which spend
2 more than \$50 to register and report; to exempt can-
3 didates, candidate's authorized committees and party
4 committees from the definition of political action
5 committee and to add an emergency preamble and emer-
6 gency clause to the bill. The emergency preamble en-
7 ables the clarifications to the political action com-
8 mittee registration and reporting law to take effect
9 before election campaigns get underway.

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