

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representatives REEVES of Pittston,
DIAMOND of Bangor and Senator KANY of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Require the Itemization of In-kind
2 Contributions by Political Action
3 Committees and Candidates for Public
4 Office.
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§5, as enacted by
9 PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

10 5. Content. A report required under this sec-
11 tion must contain the itemized accounts of contribu-
12 tions received and the name, address, occupation and
13 principal place of business, if any, of each person
14 who has made a contribution aggregating in excess of
15 \$50 for that report filing period. It must contain
16 the itemized expenditures made or authorized, the

1 purpose of each expenditure and the name of each pay-
2 ee and creditor. Total contributions with respect to
3 an election of less than \$500 and total expenditures
4 of less than \$500 need not be itemized. The report
5 must contain a statement of any loan of money in an
6 aggregate amount of \$500 or more to a candidate by a
7 financial institution made during the period covered
8 by the report, whether or not the loan is defined as
9 a contribution under section 1012, subsection 2, par-
10 agraph A. If any contributions are received in-kind,
11 the report must contain a statement describing each
12 in-kind contribution and its approximate fair-market
13 value.

14 Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1019, sub-§2, as enacted by
15 PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

16 2. Content. This report must contain an item-
17 ized account of each contribution or expenditure ag-
18 gregating in excess of \$50 in any election, the pur-
19 pose of each and the name of each payee or creditor.
20 Total contributions or expenditures of less than \$500
21 in any election need not be itemized. The report must
22 state whether the contribution or expenditure is in
23 support of or in opposition to the candidate and must
24 include, under penalty of perjury, as provided in Ti-
25 tle 17-A, section 451, a statement under oath or af-
26 firmation whether the expenditure is made in coopera-
27 tion, consultation or concert with, or at the request
28 or suggestion of, any candidate or any authorized
29 committee or agent of a candidate. Any membership or-
30 ganization or corporation which makes a communication
31 to its members or stockholders expressly advocating
32 the election or defeat of a clearly identified candi-
33 date must report any expenditures aggregating in ex-
34 cess of \$50 for such a communication in any election,
35 whether or not the communication is defined as an ex-
36 penditure under section 1012, subsection 5, paragraph
37 C. If any contributions are received in-kind, the
38 report must contain a statement describing each
39 in-kind contribution and its approximate fair-market
40 value.

41 Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1060, sub-§6, as enacted by
42 PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

1 6. Identification of contributions. Names and
2 mailing addresses of contributors who have given more
3 than \$50 to the political committee after the commit-
4 tee has registered under section 1053, the amount
5 contributed by each donor and the date of the contri-
6 bution. If any contributions are received in-kind,
7 the report must contain a statement describing each
8 in-kind contribution and its approximate fair-market
9 value. The information already reported as required
10 by section 1053, subsection 7, should not be dupli-
11 cated.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 This bill requires that all in-kind contributions
14 received by candidates, other persons and political
15 action committees be reported as individual contribu-
16 tions with the approximate fair-market value of each.

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