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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1549, L.D. 2109,
Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Reporting Requirements under
the Campaign Finance Laws."

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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting
clause the following:

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'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSa §1017, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted
by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

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A. Reports shall be filed not later than 5 p.m.
on the 7th day before the date on which an
election is held and must be complete as of the
11th day before that date. The first reports
filed in a year in which an election is held must
include all contributions made to and all
expenditures made by the candidate or committee as
of the completion date and must cover not less
than the 6 months immediately preceding the
completion date. If a previous report was filed,
the report must cover the period from the last
completion date. Other reports must be complete
for the filing period. A filing period is that
period of time from one completion date to the
next completion date.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the
beginning of the first line after the enacting clause
the following: 'Sec. 2.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment closes a potential loophole in
3 current law concerning contributions and expenditures
4 made early in a campaign. Under current law,
5 expenditures and contributions made more than 6 months
6 before the 11th day before the election are not
7 clearly included in campaign financing reports. This
8 amendment clarifies that all contributions and
9 expenditures made before the 11th day before the
10 election must be reported. For committees and
11 candidates which have not accepted contributions or
12 made expenditures more than 6 months before the 11th
13 day before the election, the report must still cover
14 that 6-month period. For committees or candidates
15 which have filed reports in the past, the report need
16 cover only that period since the last report
17 completion date.

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