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Reported by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec for the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 59. Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint

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Then

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

### STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Relating to Political Action Committees Organized Outside of the State.

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Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1051, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 833, §12, is further amended to read:

6 This subchapter applies to the activities of political committees organized---in---this---State that accept action contributions, incur obligations or make expenditures 8 in an aggregate amount in excess of \$50 in any one calendar year for the election of state or county officers, or for the support or 10 defeat of any campaign, as defined in this subchapter.

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Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1053, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

Contributions to committee. 16 7. The names and mailing addresses of contributors who donate in excess of \$50 each year to the committee with amount or value of each contribution at the 18 time of registration. Any person who makes contributions on an installment basis, the total of which exceeds \$50 in the calendar 20 year, is considered a contributor to be identified under this 22 subsection. A political action committee that is not organized in this State need not report contributions from sources outside of the State. 24

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is a unanimous recommendation of the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections. It provides that, for 32 campaign finance reporting, political purposes of action committees not organized in this State be treated the same as political action committees that are organized in this State; 34 except that committees organized outside the State will not be 36 required to report contributions from outside of the State.

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