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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 641, L.D. 915, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Reporting Laws"

Amend the bill in the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting at the beginning the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:

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

7. Contributions to committee. 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 time of registration, except that a political action committee organized outside this State is required to report a donation from a contributor outside this State only if the contributor donated in excess of \$100. Any person who makes contributions on an installment basis, the total of which exceeds \$50 in the calendar year, is considered a contributor to be identified under this subsection.

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

6. Identification of contributions. Names and mailing addresses of contributors who have given more than \$50 to the political committee after the committee has registered under section 1053, the amount contributed by each donor and the date of the contribution, except that a political action committee organized outside this State is required to report a donation from a contributor outside this State only if the contributor donated in excess of \$100. The information already reported as required by section 1053, subsection 7, should not be duplicated.

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2 Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

4		1991-92	1992-93
6	COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL		
8	ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES		
10	Commission on Governmental Ethics		
12	and Election Practices		
12	All Other	\$500	\$525
14	Provides funds for printing		
16	and mailing costs.		

18 FISCAL NOTE

20		1991-92	1992-93
22	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
24	General Fund	\$500	\$525

26 This bill provides General Fund appropriations to the
28 Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices in the
amount of \$500 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$525 in fiscal year
1992-93 for printing and mailing costs.

30 The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
32 can absorb the tasks associated with implementing the provisions
of this bill if current staffing levels are not decreased. The
34 Governor's current services budget proposal for the commission
recommends reducing a full-time position to part-time, which will
36 impact upon the commission's ability to fulfill these tasks.
This bill individually does not warrant providing an additional
38 appropriation for staff support. The required General Fund
appropriation will depend on the cumulative effect of all
40 legislation affecting the Commission on Governmental Ethics and
Election Practices.'

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44 STATEMENT OF FACT

46 This amendment exempts political action committees organized
48 outside Maine from the contribution reporting requirement for
contributions of \$100 or less made by contributors outside Maine.