

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 13, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative SMALL of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Impose a Limit on Campaign Contributions.



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, as amended by PL 1989, c. 504, §§7
4 and 31, is repealed.

6 Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015-A is enacted to read:

8 §1015-A. Limitations on contributions and expenditures

10 1. Individual committees; corporations; associations. A
12 person, political committee, other committee, corporation or
14 association may not make contributions to a candidate aggregating
16 more than \$100 for any election in this State. This limitation
does not apply to contributions in support of a candidate by that
candidate, that candidate's spouse or the political party of that
candidate.

18 2. Political committees; intermediaries. For the purpose of
20 the limitations imposed by this section, contributions made to
22 any political committee authorized by a candidate to accept
contributions on the candidate's behalf are considered to be
contributions made to that candidate.

24 For the purposes of the limitations imposed by this section, all
26 contributions made by a person, either directly or indirectly, on
28 behalf of a particular candidate, including contributions that
30 are in any way earmarked or otherwise directed through an
32 intermediary or conduit to the candidate, are considered to be
contributions from that person to the candidate. The intermediary
or conduit shall report the original source and the intended
recipient of the contribution to the commission and to the
intended recipient.

34 3. Other contributions and expenditures. Any expenditure
36 made by any person in cooperation, consultation or concert with,
38 or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's
political committee or an authorized agent is considered to be a
contribution to that candidate.

40 The financing by any person of the dissemination, distribution or
42 republication, in whole or in part, of any broadcast or any
44 written or other campaign materials prepared by the candidate,
the candidate's political committee or committees or an
authorized agent is considered to be a contribution to that
candidate.

46 4. Prohibited expenditures. A candidate, a political
48 committee, a party or party committee, a person required to file
50 a report under this subchapter or an authorized agent may not
make any expenditures for liquor to be distributed to or consumed
by voters while the polls are open on election day.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill limits to \$100 the contributions that may be made
6 to a candidate in any election in this State. This limitation
 does not apply to contributions from the candidate, the
 candidate's spouse or the candidate's own political party.