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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1162, L.D. 1703, Bill, "An Act to Reform Campaign Finance"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1016, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Separate accounts; spending limitations. All campaign funds of a candidate or candidate's political committee must be separated, for accounting purposes, into separate accounts, an "individual contributors account" for contributions from individuals and an "other contributors account" for contributions from political committees, political action committees, corporations, partnerships or membership associations. A candidate is not required to maintain separate bank accounts for the separate accounts. No more than 1/3 of a candidate's total campaign expenditures, as computed and accrued for each reporting period, may be paid from the other contributors account. Notwithstanding section 1004, violation of this subsection is a Class D crime.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1016, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

C. All expenditures made by or on behalf of the committee or candidate, separated by accounts in accordance with subsection 1-A. Expenditures from the other contributors account may not exceed 1/3 of the expenditures from the individual contributors account for that reporting period; and

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

	1991-92	1992-93
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4	COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES	
6	Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices	
8		
10	Positions - Legislative Count (1.0)	(1.0)
10	Personal Services \$16,041	\$26,025
12	All Other 375	500
12	Capital Expenditures 6,739	
14	Provides funds for one	
16	Planning and Research	
16	Assistant position, supplies,	
18	telephone and postage costs	
18	and computer equipment to	
20	carry out the provisions of	
20	this Act.	
22	COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES	
24	TOTAL	
24	<u>\$23,155</u>	<u>\$26,525</u>

FISCAL NOTE

	1991-92	1992-93
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30	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS	
32		
34	General Fund \$23,155	\$26,525

36 This bill provides General Fund appropriations to the
 36 Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices in the
 38 amount of \$23,155 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$26,525 in fiscal
 38 year 1992-93 for an additional position, related costs and
 40 computer equipment to monitor campaign funds, compliance with
 40 spending limitations and to investigate violations of the
 42 campaign finance requirements.

44 This bill also establishes a Class D crime. The additional
 44 work load and administrative costs associated with a minimal
 46 number of new cases filed in District Court as a result of the
 46 violation will be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the
 48 Judicial Department.

50 Sentences imposed for a Class D offense must be served in a
 50 county jail facility. The projected cost to a county for each
 52 person sentenced under the new Class D crime is approximately
 52 \$6,780 and is based upon an average length of stay of 119 days.'

