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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1679, L.D. 2356, Bill, "An Act to Strengthen the Campaign Finance Reporting Laws"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the 9th indented paragraph after the title (page 2, line 10 in amendment) the following:

'Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 11 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 11. 21-A MRSA §1015, as amended by PL 1989, c. 504, §§7 and 31, is repealed.'

Further amend the bill in section 12 by striking out all of the amending clause (page 6, line 24 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 12. 21-A MRSA §§1015-A and 1015-B are enacted to read:'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after the 10th indented paragraph after the title (page 2, line 16 in amendment) the following:

'Further amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

§1015-B. Limitations on contributions and expenditures

1. Individual; committee; corporation; association. A person, political committee, other committee, corporation or association may not make contributions to a candidate aggregating 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.

2 2. Political committee; intermediary. For the purpose of
3 the limitations imposed by this section, contributions made to
4 any political committee authorized by a candidate to accept
5 contributions on the candidate's behalf are considered to be
6 contributions made to that candidate.

8 For the purposes of the limitations imposed by this section, all
9 contributions made by a person, either directly or indirectly, on
10 behalf of a particular candidate, including contributions that
11 are in any way earmarked or otherwise directed through an
12 intermediary or conduit to the candidate, are considered to be
13 contributions from that person to the candidate. The intermediary
14 or conduit shall report the original source and the intended
15 recipient of the contribution to the commission and to the
16 intended recipient.

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

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

30 4. Prohibited expenditures. A candidate, a treasurer, a
31 political committee, a party or party committee, a person
32 required to file a report under this subchapter or an authorized
33 agent may not make any expenditures for liquor to be distributed
34 to or consumed by voters while the polls are open on election
35 day.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

40 This amendment expands upon the limitations of spending and
41 reporting of campaign funds accomplished in the bill by limiting
42 to \$100 the contributions that may be made to a candidate or a
43 candidate's committee for any election in this State.
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