

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 403

House of Representatives, February 16, 1993

An Act to Establish a Voluntary Campaign Spending Law.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MICHAEL of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CASHMAN of Old Town, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft,
FITZPATRICK of Durham, GOULD of Greenville, GWADOSKY of Fairfield, HUSSEY of
Milo, Senator: HALL of Piscataquis.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 21-A MRS §1015, sub-§§7 and 8 are enacted to read:

6 7. Voluntary limitations on political expenditures. A
8 candidate may voluntarily agree to limit the candidate's campaign
10 expenditures and those of the candidate's political committee or
 committees, the candidate's party and the candidate's immediate
 family on the candidate's behalf by filing an affidavit with the
 Secretary of State.

12 A. The affidavit must state that the candidate knows the
14 voluntary expenditure limitations as set out in subsection 8
16 and that the candidate is voluntarily agreeing to limit the
18 candidate's political expenditures and those made on the
20 candidate's behalf by the candidate's political committee or
22 committees, the candidate's party and the candidate's
 immediate family to the amount set by law. The affidavit
 must further state that the candidate does not condone and
 will not solicit any independent expenditures made on behalf
 of the candidate. The affidavit must be sworn and
 subscribed to by the candidate and notarized.

24 B. Affidavits in compliance with this subsection must be
26 filed within 3 days after the date on which a candidate
28 files a declaration of candidacy or a declaration of intent
 or is declared a write-in winner of a primary election.

30 8. Political expenditure limitation amounts. Total
32 expenditures by a candidate who voluntarily agrees to limit
 campaign expenditures as provided in subsection 7 are as follows:

34 A. For Governor and United States Senator:

36 (1) Five hundred thousand dollars in a state primary
 election; and

38 (2) One million dollars in a state general election;

40 B. For Representative to Congress:

42 (1) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars in a state
44 primary election; and

46 (2) Five hundred thousand dollars in a state general
 election;

48 C. For State Senator:

