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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "D" to H.P. 1149, L.D. 1549, Bill, "An Act to Set Voluntary Limits for Campaign Spending"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph C in the 4th line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "federal, state or county office" and inserting in its place the following: 'Governor, State Senator or State Representative'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1014, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Voluntary campaign expenditure limitations. Any communication described in subsection 1 and authorized by a candidate, a candidate's authorized political committee or their agents must contain the following statement: "This candidate (has) (has not) agreed to comply with the voluntary campaign spending limitations established by statute." The statement must accurately reflect the candidate's choice as reflected in the filing required under section 1013-A, subsection 1, paragraph C.

A. If the communication is printed, the notice must be prominently displayed.

B. If the communication is broadcast over the radio, the notice must be announced orally.

C. If the communication is broadcast over television, the notice must be prominently displayed visually and announced orally.'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 8 by  
3 striking out all of paragraph A and inserting in its place the  
4 following:

6 'A. For Governor:

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

10 (2) One million dollars in a state general election;'  
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13 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 8 by  
14 striking out all of paragraph B.

15 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 8 in  
16 paragraph C in subparagraph (2) in the last line (page 2, line 36  
17 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "election;" the  
18 following: 'or'

19 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 8 in  
20 paragraph D in subparagraph (2) in the first 2 lines (page 2,  
21 lines 43 and 44 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ";or"  
22 and inserting in its place the following: '.'

23 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 8 by  
24 striking out all of paragraph E.

25 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 8 by  
26 relettering the paragraphs to read consecutively.

27 Further amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of  
28 subsection 9.

29 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 10 by  
30 inserting after the first paragraph the following:

31 'The penalty provided in this subsection is waived if an opponent  
32 of the candidate subject to this subsection exceeds the voluntary  
33 expenditure limit of that candidate before that candidate exceeds  
34 that limit, regardless of whether the opponent has agreed to  
35 limit campaign expenditures.'

36 Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 10 in the  
37 2nd paragraph in the first line (page 3, line 33 in L.D.) by  
38 striking out the following: "to 9" and inserting in its place  
39 the following: ',' 8'

40 Further amend the bill in section 3 by inserting after  
41 subsection 10 the following:

2 '11. List of candidates. The commission shall compile and  
4 make available separate lists of all candidates in a primary  
6 election and in a general election for any office subject to the  
8 voluntary campaign expenditure limitations established in  
subsections 7 and 8. These lists must identify each candidate  
and whether that candidate has agreed to limit that candidate's  
expenditures as provided in subsections 7 and 8.

10 Periodically throughout the primary and general election  
12 campaigns, the commission shall compile and make available lists  
14 of those candidates who have exceeded the expenditure limits  
16 established in subsection 8, regardless of whether a candidate  
18 has agreed to limit that candidate's expenditures. The  
commission shall prepare these lists separately for the primary  
and general election campaigns. The last list must be made  
available no earlier than 7 days before the election to which it  
applies.'

20 Further amend the bill in section 3 by renumbering the  
22 subsections to read consecutively.

24 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the  
26 following:

28 'Sec. 5. Application. Within 10 days after the effective date  
30 of this Act, any candidate for Governor, State Senator or State  
32 Representative who has appointed a political committee before  
that date shall file a statement in compliance with this Act as  
if the candidate had created a political committee on the  
effective date of this Act.'

34 Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read  
36 consecutively.

38 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

40 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

- 42 1. It eliminates any reference to candidates for federal  
44 and county offices.
- 46 2. It increases the expenditures permitted for campaigns  
48 for Governor.
- 50 3. It eliminates the restriction on contributions placed on  
candidates who refuse to agree to the voluntary expenditure  
limits.

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2           4. It requires the Commission on Governmental Ethics and  
4 Election Practices to prepare lists of candidates and identify  
6 whether those candidates have agreed to accept the voluntary  
8 expenditure limits. The Secretary of State is also required to  
prepare lists of those candidates whose campaign expenditures  
exceed the voluntary limits, whether or not the candidate has  
agreed to accept the limits.

10           5. It requires every political advertisement to state  
12 whether the candidate has agreed to accept the voluntary limits.

14           6. It adds an application clause to specify that candidates  
16 who have already appointed a political committee must specify  
whether they accept the voluntary limits within 10 days of the  
effective date of the bill.

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