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STATE OF MAINE  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1493, L.D. 2013, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Reporting Requirements for Party Committees and Political Action Committees"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017-A, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 839, §23 and affected by §33, is amended to read:

C. The date and amount of each expenditure.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1017-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 839, §23 and affected by §33, is amended to read:

3. **Other expenditures.** Operational expenses and other expenditures in cash or in kind of the party committee that are not made on behalf of a candidate, committee or campaign must be reported as a separate item ~~and may be reported as a lump sum.~~  
The party committee shall report:

A. The name and address of each recipient;

B. The reason for the expenditure; and

C. The date and amount of each expenditure.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1056-A is enacted to read:

§1056-A. Expenditures by political action committees

A political action committee shall report all expenditures in cash or in kind made by the committee.

2           Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1058, as amended by PL 1991, c. 839, §28,  
is further amended to read:

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6           **§1058. Reports, qualifications for filing**

8           A political action committee that is registered with the  
commission or that accepts contributions, or incurs obligations  
10 ~~or makes expenditures~~ in an aggregate amount in excess of \$50 on  
any one or more campaigns for the office of Governor, for state  
or county office or for the support or defeat of a referendum or  
12 initiated petition shall file a report on its activities in that  
campaign with the commission on forms as prescribed by the  
14 commission. A political action committee organized in this State  
required under this section to file a report shall file the  
16 report for each filing period under section 1059, ~~whether or not~~  
~~the expenditures are in excess of \$50 in any one period.~~ A  
18 political action committee organized outside this State shall  
file with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election  
20 Practices of this State a copy of the report that the political  
action committee is required to file in the state in which the  
22 political action committee is organized. The political action  
committee shall file the copy only if it has expended funds, or  
24 received contributions or made expenditures in this State. The  
copy of the report must be filed in accordance with the schedule  
26 of filing in the state where it is organized. Any person or  
organization organized to oppose a question to be voted on by the  
28 electorate at referendum shall report, within 10 days following  
the drafting of the question by the Secretary of State and prior  
30 to the distribution of any petitions for voter signatures  
pursuant to chapter 11, to the commission as required in this  
32 section and sections 1059 and 1060.'

34           Further amend the bill by striking out all of the fiscal  
note and inserting in its place the following:

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38                           **'FISCAL NOTE**

40           The additional costs to monitor these new reporting  
requirements can be absorbed by the Commission on Governmental  
42 Ethics and Election Practices utilizing existing budgeted  
resources.'

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46                           **STATEMENT OF FACT**

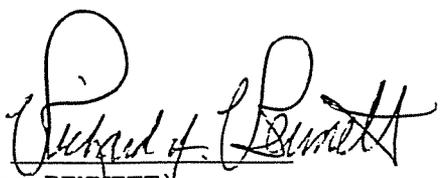
48           This amendment replaces the bill and requires all  
expenditures of all kinds to be reported by party committees and

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political action committees. The amendment also replaces the  
fiscal note.

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