

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 44

In Senate, January 17, 1995

**An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Laws by Limiting
Contributions by Political Action Committees and Allowing Candidates
to Voluntarily Limit Campaign Expenditures.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HANLEY of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, PENDEXTER of Cumberland,
Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, BIRNEY of Paris, HARTNETT of Freeport,
ROBICHAUD of Caribou, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton,
WINSOR of Norway.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1985, c.
5 161, §6, is amended to read:

6 **2. Committees; corporations; associations.** No political
7 committee, other committee, corporation or association may make
8 contributions to a candidate, in support of the candidacy of one
9 person, aggregating more than \$5,000 \$100 in any election.

10 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§§7 and 8** are enacted to read:

11 **7. Voluntary limitations on political expenditures.** A
12 candidate may voluntarily agree to limit the candidate's campaign
13 expenditures and those of the candidate's political committee or
14 committees, the candidate's party and the candidate's immediate
15 family on the candidate's behalf by filing an affidavit with the
16 Secretary of State.

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

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

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

35 A. For Governor and United States Senator:

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

38 (2) Four hundred thousand dollars in a state general
39 election;

40 B. For Representative to Congress:

