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No. 240

S.P. 100

In Senate, January 24, 1995

**An Act to Require Reporting by Political Action Committees That
Endorse or Provide Funds to Local Municipal Candidates.**

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 AMERO of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, FERGUSON of Oxford, KIEFFER
of Aroostook, Representatives: DiPIETRO of South Portland, O'GARA of Westbrook,
PENDLETON of Scarborough, SAXL of Bangor, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2502, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

4 **3. Reports by political action committees.** A political
6 action committee that accepts contributions, incurs obligations
8 or makes expenditures in excess of \$50 in any year to support,
10 defeat or influence in any way a municipal election, candidate or
12 political committee or another political action committee in a
14 city with a population of 10,000 or more is governed by Title
21-A, chapter 13, subchapter IV, except that the notices of
appointment of treasurer and campaign reports must be filed with
the municipal clerk instead of the Commission on Governmental
Ethics and Election Practices.

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18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This bill requires political action committees that accept
22 contributions, incur obligations or make expenditures in
elections for municipal office to register and report to the
municipal clerk. Under current law only municipal candidates
must file campaign reports.