

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 28, 1995

**An Act to Prohibit Political Action Committee and Corporate  
Contributions in State and Federal Elections.**

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

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GERRY of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, HARTNETT of Freeport, LIBBY of  
Buxton, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1011**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6,  
4 is amended to read:

6           **§1011. Application**

8           This subchapter applies to candidates for all state and  
10 county offices and to campaigns for their nomination and  
12 election. This subchapter also applies to candidates for federal  
10 offices for the purposes of section 1015, subsections 2-A and 4-A  
12 and section 1017, subsection 1.

14           **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c.  
16 161, §6, is amended to read:

18           **2. Committees and associations.** No A political committee,  
18 other committee, ~~corporation~~ or association may not make  
20 contributions to a candidate, in support of the candidacy of one  
20 person, aggregating more than \$5,000 in any election.

22           **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§§2-A and 4-A** are enacted to read:

24           **2-A. Corporations.** A corporation may not make  
26 contributions to a candidate for a state or federal office.

28           **4-A. Political action committees.** A political action  
30 committee required to be registered under section 1053 may not  
32 make contributions to a candidate for a state or federal office.

34           **Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1051, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1991, c.  
36 839, §26 and affected by §33, is further amended to read:

38           This subchapter applies to the activities of political  
40 action committees organized in and outside this State that accept  
42 contributions, incur obligations or make expenditures in an  
44 aggregate amount in excess of \$50 in any one calendar year for  
46 the election of ~~state- or~~ county officers, or for the support or  
48 defeat of any campaign, as defined in this subchapter.

**Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §1052-A** is enacted to read:

**§1052-A. Contributions to candidates for state or federal office**  
          **prohibited**

A political action committee may not make contributions to a  
          candidate for a state or federal office.

2           **Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §1058**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 715, §4,  
is further amended to read:

4           **§1058. Reports, qualifications for filing**

6           A political action committee that is registered with the  
commission or that accepts contributions or incurs obligations in  
8           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  
10           support or defeat of a referendum or initiated petition shall  
file a report on its activities in that campaign with the  
12           commission on forms as prescribed by the commission. A political  
action committee organized in this State required under this  
14           section to file a report shall file the report for each filing  
period under section 1059. A political action committee  
16           organized outside this State shall file with the Commission on  
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices of this State a copy  
18           of the report that the political action committee is required to  
file in the state in which the political action committee is  
20           organized. The political action committee shall file the copy  
only if it has expended funds or received contributions or made  
22           expenditures in this State. The copy of the report must be filed  
in accordance with the schedule of filing in the state where it  
24           is organized. Any person or organization organized to oppose a  
question to be voted on by the electorate at referendum shall  
26           report, within 10 days following the drafting of the question by  
the Secretary of State and prior to the distribution of any  
28           petitions for voter signatures pursuant to chapter 11, to the  
commission as required in this section and sections 1059 and 1060.  
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32   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34           This bill prohibits corporations and political action  
committees from making contributions to candidates for state or  
36           federal office.