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H.P. 47

House of Representatives, January 9, 1997

**An Act Regarding the Timely Filing of Campaign Reports by Candidates
for State Office.**

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 MAYO of Bath.
Cosponsored by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland and
Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CARLETON of Wells.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1020-A, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:**

6 9-A. Late-filing candidates for State Senator or State
8 Representative. The Secretary of State shall remove from the
10 general election ballot the name of a candidate for State Senator
12 or State Representative who has not filed with the commission at
14 least 60 days before the general election;

16 A. The report due on the 6th day before a primary election
18 under section 1017, subsection 3-A, paragraph B; or

20 B. The report due on the 42nd day after a primary election
22 under section 1017, subsection 3-A, paragraph D.

24 Nothing in this subsection prohibits a candidate from being a
26 write-in candidate for the general election.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 Under current law, a candidate who fails to file a campaign
32 report with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election
Practices in a timely manner is subject to civil and criminal
penalties prescribed in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A,
section 1020-A. This bill will also subject a candidate for
State Senator or State Representative to removal of the
candidate's name from the general election ballot if the
candidate has not filed required preprimary and post-primary
campaign finance reports at least 60 days before the general
election.