

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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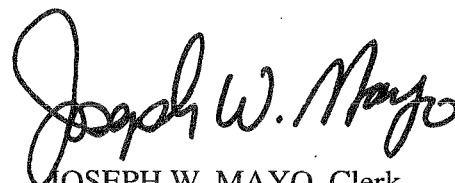
H.P. 318

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

**An Act to Require Responsibility of the Employers of Persons who  
Collect Signatures.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and  
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, KERR of Old Orchard Beach,  
LEMAIRE of Lewiston, STEVENS of Orono, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: CLEVELAND  
of Androscoggin, DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §904-A**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 599, §1,  
is amended to read:

6 **§904-A. Payment per signature; prohibition**

8 A person may not pay a circulator of an initiative or a  
10 referendum petition or a another person who causes the  
circulation of an initiative or referendum petition ~~may--not~~  
12 ~~receive-payment~~ for the collection of signatures if that payment  
is based on the number of signatures collected. Nothing in this  
14 section prohibits a circulator of an initiative or a referendum  
petition or a person who causes the circulation of an initiative  
or referendum petition from being paid a salary that is not based  
16 on the number of signatures collected.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill prohibits a person from paying a circulator of  
22 petitions based on the number of signatures collected. This bill  
shifts the responsibility from the collector of the signatures to  
24 the person paying the collector.