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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 475, L.D. 646, Bill, "An Act to Limit Corporate Contributions and to Establish Voluntary Spending Limits for Citizen-Initiated Ballot Campaigns"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "\$1041." by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 (lines 21 to 47 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'3. Forfeiture. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation, the forfeiture for which is \$100 plus the amount by which the contribution or expenditure exceeds \$500.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES		
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices		
All Other	\$4,420	\$4,420

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Provides funds for a seasonal
contract employee to
4 implement additional
monitoring.'

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8 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12		1997-98	1998-99
14	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
16	General Fund	\$4,420	\$4,420

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20 The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$4,420
22 annually beginning in fiscal year 1997-98 for a seasonal contract
employee to implement the additional monitoring required by this
bill.

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26 The penalty provision for noncompliance with a voluntary
limit on expenditures by political action committees will
28 increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This amendment strikes the section of the bill exempting
certain nonprofit corporations and separate segregated funds from
34 the limit on contributions and expenditures in connection with a
citizen-initiated ballot campaign. It also adds an
36 appropriations section and a fiscal note to the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT