

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1458

H.P. 1041

House of Representatives, March 11, 1997

**An Act to Ensure Integrity in Government by Prohibiting Contributions
when the Legislature Is in Session.**

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 DAVIDSON of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Representative BRUNO of Raymond and
President LAWRENCE of York and
Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Vassalboro,
SAXL of Portland, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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

2 Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1012, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

4 7-A. Legislative or gubernatorial political action
6 committee. "Legislative or gubernatorial political action
8 committee" means a political action committee designed to raise
10 funds for candidates for Governor, Senate, House of
12 Representatives, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer
14 of State or State Auditor.

12 Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1015, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

14 3. Prohibitions. A lobbyist, as defined in Title 3,
16 section 312-A, subsection 10, may not make a contribution as
18 defined in Title 21-A, section 1012, subsection 2 to the
20 Governor, a State Senator, a State Representative, a candidate
22 for any of these offices who has filed with the Commission on
24 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices or an individual who
26 qualifies as a candidate pursuant to Title 21-A or a legislative
28 or gubernatorial political action committee during a legislative
30 session. This subsection does not apply to a legislative or
32 gubernatorial special election to fill a vacancy from the time of
34 the announcement of the election until the election. A person
36 who violates this subsection is subject to a civil penalty not to
38 exceed \$5,000, payable to the State. This penalty is recoverable
in a civil action.

SUMMARY

32 This bill provides that a lobbyist may not make a
34 contribution to the Governor, a State Senator, a State
36 Representative, a candidate for any of these offices or a
38 legislative or gubernatorial political action committee during a
legislative session. The bill imposes a civil penalty not to
exceed \$5,000 for a violation of this provision.