

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 1630

S.P. 525

In Senate, March 21, 1997

An Act to Amend the Campaign Finance Reform Laws.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative: DAVIDSON of Brunswick.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1015, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

6 **3. Campaign contribution solicitation prohibited.** A member
8 of the Legislature or the staff or an agent of a member may not
10 solicit, directly or indirectly, whether through a political
12 action committee, political committee, political party or
14 otherwise, and a person may not give, directly or indirectly, a
16 contribution, as defined in Title 21-A, section 1012, subsection
18 2, from the day a new Legislature is sworn in until final
20 adjournment of the Second Regular Session of that legislative
22 session.

24 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2**, as amended by IB 1996, c. 1,
26 §11, is further amended to read:

28 **2. Committees; corporations; associations.** A political
30 committee, other committee, corporation or association may not
32 make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of
34 one person aggregating more than \$5,000 ~~\$1,000~~ in any election.
36 Beginning January 1, 1999, a political committee, other
 committee, corporation or association may not make contributions
 to a candidate, in support of the candidacy of one person
 aggregating more than \$500 in any election for a gubernatorial
 candidate or more than \$250 in any election for any other
 candidate.

SUMMARY

32 This bill prohibits members of the Legislature from
34 soliciting and persons from making campaign contributions during
36 a legislative biennium. This bill also limits to \$1,000 the
 amount a corporation, association, political committee or other
 committee may contribute in support of the candidacy of one
 person.