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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 72, L.D. 175, Bill, "An Act to Establish Limits on Contributions to Political Action Committees That Support Candidates"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "office" the following: 'or candidates for municipal office in a town or city with a population of 15,000 or more'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class E crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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This amendment makes the original bill consistent with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2502 governing campaign reports in municipal elections. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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