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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 383, L.D. 1162, Bill, "An Act to Require Legislative Review of Rules Regarding Campaign Report Filing Forms"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1991, c. 839, §19 and affected by §34, is further amended to read:

6. Forms. Reports required by this section must be on forms prescribed, prepared and sent by the commission to the treasurer of each registered candidate at least 7 days before the filing date for the report. Persons filing reports may use additional pages if necessary, but the pages must be the same size as the pages of the form. Although the commission mails the forms for required reports, failure to receive forms by mail does not excuse treasurers, committees and other persons who must file reports from otherwise obtaining the forms.

Rules of the commission establishing campaign report filing forms for candidates are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A; other rules of the commission are routine technical rules as defined in that subchapter.'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

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The additional costs associated with adopting rules establishing campaign report filing forms for candidates as major, substantive rules can be absorbed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment places the proposed language from the original bill in the section of statute governing campaign report filing by candidates. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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