

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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No. 1244

H.P. 887

House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

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**An Act to Require Truth in Campaign Advertising.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, MADORE of Augusta, Senator:  
BENOIT of Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1106 is enacted to read:**

6 **§1106. Truth in advertising**

8 A candidate, political action committee, political party,  
10 lobbying group or any other entity putting forth communication  
12 expressly advocating the initiation, promotion or defeat of a  
14 candidate through broadcasting stations, newspapers, magazines,  
outdoor advertising facilities, direct mails and other similar  
types of general public political advertising and through flyers,  
handbills, bumper stickers and other nonperiodical publications  
shall abide by the provisions of this section.

16 1. Reporting roll calls. Any communication listing a roll  
18 call vote cast by a candidate in the candidate's capacity as an  
20 elected official must include all recorded votes cast by the  
22 candidate on that issue, explain the pending motion on which the  
votes were cast and accurately reflect the position taken by the  
candidate.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires that any entity advertising in support of  
28 or opposition to a candidate, when reporting roll call votes,  
30 shall list all recorded votes on that issue, explain the pending  
motion on which the vote was cast and accurately reflect the  
position taken by the candidate at the time of the vote.