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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 710, L.D. 2032, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Maine's Campaign Finance Laws"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 10 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 9 and 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "is not subject to the limitations on contributions required by this section." and inserting in its place the following: 'may accept individual contributions not to exceed \$5,000. This subsection does not apply to an opponent registered as a participating candidate as defined by section 1122, subsection 6.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with monitoring this added enforcement responsibility can be absorbed by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the provision in the bill that exempted an opponent of a candidate for Governor who lends or contributes \$25,000 to that candidate's campaign from all

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2 limitations on contributions. The amendment states that the
opponent may accept individual contributions not to exceed
4 \$5,000. The amendment also clarifies that this exception applies
only to opponents who are not registered as participating
6 candidates in the Maine Clean Election Act funding program. It
also adds a fiscal note.