

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1508

House of Representatives, April 5, 1999

**An Act to Modify the Campaign Finance Laws with Regard to Running  
for Federal Office.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, DUNLAP of Old Town, HATCH of  
Skowhegan, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, PLOWMAN of Hampden, TREADWELL of  
Carmel, WESTON of Montville.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1015, sub-§3, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.  
4 529, §1, is amended to read:

6           C. This subsection does not apply to:

8           (1) Solicitations or contributions for bona fide  
10 social events hosted for nonpartisan, charitable  
purposes;

12           (2) Solicitations or contributions relating to a  
14 special election to fill a vacancy from the time of  
announcement of the election until the election; and

16           (3) Solicitations or contributions after the deadline  
18 for filing as a candidate as provided in Title 21-A,  
section 335-; and

20           (4) Solicitations or contributions supporting a  
campaign for federal office.

22           **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1011, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1985, c.  
24 161, §6, is amended to read:

26           This subchapter applies to candidates for all state and  
28 county offices and to campaigns for their nomination and  
election. This subchapter also applies to candidates for federal  
30 offices for the purposes of section 1017, subsectien subsections  
1 and 1-A.

32           **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

34           1-A. State Legislators running for federal office. Prior  
36 to raising campaign funds for federal office, a state Legislator  
who is a candidate for federal office shall file with the  
commission a copy of a report, in the form established by the  
38 commission. The report must contain:

40           A. The name and term of the federal office for which the  
Legislator is running;

42           B. Evidence that an account separate from any state  
44 election campaign account has been established for the  
purposes of running for federal office;

46           C. The name and address of the Legislator's federal  
48 campaign treasurer; and

50           D. Any additional information determined necessary by the  
commission.

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## SUMMARY

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6       This bill requires a state Legislator who is running for a  
8       federal office to file a report with the Commission on  
10       Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. This bill also  
      changes the law to exempt solicitations or contributions made  
      during a legislative session for the purposes of supporting a  
      campaign for federal office.