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H.P. 181

House of Representatives, January 18, 2001

An Act to Provide Disclosure to Voters by a Person Paid to Collect Signatures.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, LABRECQUE of
Gorham, MAYO of Bath, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln,
LONGLEY of Waldo, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §662, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §57, is further amended to read:

6 **4. Collection of signatures.** The warden may select and
8 designate a specific location at the voting place, accessible and
10 observable by the voters, where the collection of signatures may
12 take place. Persons collecting signatures at the polls may make
14 arrangements with the clerk prior to election day and with the
16 warden on election day. The warden may limit the number of
18 persons collecting signatures to one for each specific question,
candidate or issue. Persons collecting signatures may not
solicit a voter's signature until the voter has completed
voting. The warden may direct the removal, under subsection 2,
paragraph A, of any person collecting signatures who does not
comply with the requirements of this subsection. Persons who are
paid to collect signatures for a petition shall disclose that
fact to a voter before the voter signs the petition.

20 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §904-C** is enacted to read:

22 **§904-C. Disclosure of payment**

24 A person who is paid to collect signatures for a petition
26 shall disclose that fact to a voter before the voter signs the
28 petition.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill requires any person who is paid to collect
34 signatures for a petition to disclose that fact to a voter before
the voter signs the petition.