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**An Act To Specify the Size and Typeface of Disclaimers on Political
Literature Not Authorized by a Candidate**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MOODY of Manchester.
Cosponsored by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, ASH of Belfast, BERRY of Belmont, FLETCHER of
Winslow, SAVIELLO of Wilton, TARDY of Newport, Senators: HALL of Lincoln, WESTON
of Waldo.

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

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Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1014, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

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2. Not authorized by candidate. If the communication described in subsection 1 is not authorized by a candidate, a candidate's authorized political committee or their agents, the communication must clearly and conspicuously state that the communication is not authorized by any candidate and state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication. If the communication is in written form, the communication must contain at the bottom of the communication in 10-point bold print the words "NOT PAID FOR OR AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE."

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SUMMARY

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Current law requires that political literature that is not authorized by a candidate must clearly and conspicuously state that the communication is not authorized by any candidate. This bill specifies the point size and typeface of this statement, as well as the exact words to be used.

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