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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT **B** to S.P. 661, L.D. 1728, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Penalty Provisions and Reporting Deadlines of the Campaign Reports and Finances Laws"

Amend the bill in Part A by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. A-2. 21-A MRSA §1017-A, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

4-B. Filing schedule for municipal, district and county party committees. Municipal, district and county party committees shall file reports according to the following schedule.

A. Reports filed during an election year must be filed with the commission on:

(1) July 15th and be complete as of June 30th;

(2) October 27th and be complete as of October 22nd;
and

(3) January 15th and be complete as of December 31st.

B. Reports filed during a nonelection year must be filed on:

(1) July 15th and be complete as of June 30th; and

(2) January 15th and be complete as of December 31st.

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2 C. Any contribution or expenditure of \$1,000 or more made
4 after the 12th day before any election and more than 24
6 hours before that election must be reported within 24 hours
of that contribution or expenditure or by noon of the first
business day after the contribution or expenditure,
whichever is later.'

8 Further amend the bill in Part A by inserting after section
2 the following:

10 'Sec. A-3. 21-A MRSA §1020-A, sub-§5-A, ¶¶B to D, as amended by
12 PL 2003, c. 302, §4, are further amended to read:

14 B. Five thousand dollars for state party committee reports
16 required under section 1017-A, subsection 4-A, paragraphs A,
B, C and E ~~and section 1018, subsection 2;~~

18 C. One thousand dollars for reports required under section
20 1017, subsection 2, paragraphs A and F; and section 1017,
22 subsection 3-A, paragraphs A and E; ~~and--state--party~~
~~committee reports required to be filed under section 1017-A,~~
~~subsection 4-A, paragraph B;~~

24 D. Five hundred dollars for municipal, district and county
26 committees for reports required under section 1017-A,
subsection 4-A ~~and section 1018, subsection 2~~ 4-B; or'

28 Further amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of
30 section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

32 'Sec. A-4. 21-A MRSA §1020-A, sub-§8-A is enacted to read:

34 8-A. Penalties for failure to file report. The penalty for
failure to file a report required under this subchapter may not
exceed the maximum penalties as provided in subsection 5-A.'

36 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
38 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
40 consecutively.

42 SUMMARY

44 This amendment is the minority report of the committee and
46 makes technical changes to the bill to clarify penalty provisions
48 for party committees that fail to file a report or fail to file a
report on time by correcting cross-references. It also amends
the bill to reinstate a schedule for municipal, district and
county party committees to file campaign finance reports that was

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inadvertently repealed in a bill passed during the First Regular
Session of the 121st Legislature.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 1728

An Act To Amend the Penalty Provisions and Reporting Deadlines of the
Campaign Reports and Finances Laws

LR 2420(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B"

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Minority Report



Fiscal Note

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds