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122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 606, L.D. 855, Bill, "An Act To Limit In-kind Contributions to Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§5-B is enacted to read:

5-B. Restrictions on below-market discounts. If campaign materials purchased by a candidate to support the election of that candidate are purchased at a cost that is less than the materials' fair market value, the difference between the amount paid by the candidate and the fair market value is considered a contribution. The commission shall create an index of prices for printed campaign materials every 2 years based upon information received from printing companies and other sources. The commission and others may use this index as a guideline in determining whether a candidate's expenditure for printed campaign materials was made at a discount. Candidates who believe an opponent has received an unreported contribution due to a discount may submit a request for an investigation to the commission.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. Under this amendment, if a candidate purchases campaign materials at a cost that is less

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2 than fair market value, the difference between the price paid and
the fair market value is considered a contribution to the
4 candidate. Fair market value is determined using an index
created by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election
6 Practices.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund