

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1118

H.P. 771

House of Representatives, March 1, 2005

### **An Act Relating to Disclosures in Political Advertising**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPLESSIE of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel, PATRICK of Rumford, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: GAGNON of Kennebec.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1014, sub-§3-B** is enacted to read:

6 3-B. Newspapers. A newspaper may not publish a  
8 communication described in subsection 1 or 2 without including  
10 the disclosure required by this section. For purposes of this  
12 subsection, "newspaper" includes any printed material intended  
14 for general circulation or to be read by the general public.

16 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1055**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 615, §2,  
18 is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new  
20 paragraph to read:

22 A newspaper may not publish a communication described in  
24 this section without including the disclosure required by this  
26 section. For purposes of this paragraph, "newspaper" includes  
any printed material intended for general circulation or to be  
read by the general public.

#### SUMMARY

This bill makes newspapers responsible for including the required disclosures when publishing political communications in the newspapers.