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H.P. 374

House of Representatives, February 1, 2007

**An Act To Clarify Reporting of Contributions and Expenditures by  
Persons Involving a Ballot Question**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROBINSON of Raymond.  
Cosponsored by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot and  
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, FITTS of Pittsfield, LANSLEY of Sabattus, MILLETT of  
Waterford, PLUMMER of Windham, TARDY of Newport, THOMAS of Ripley, VAUGHAN  
of Durham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

3 **4-A. Expressly advocate.** "Expressly advocate" means to communicate in a way  
4 that in context can have no other meaning than to urge the election or defeat of a  
5 candidate, party or ballot question.

6 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1056-B, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 729, §8, is  
7 amended to read:

8 Any person not defined as a political committee who ~~solicits and receives~~  
9 ~~contributions or makes expenditures, other than by contribution to a political action~~  
10 ~~committee, aggregating in excess of \$1,500~~ expressly advocates or purchases political  
11 advertising for the purpose of initiating, promoting, defeating or influencing in any way a  
12 ballot question must file a report with the commission. In the case of a municipal  
13 election, a copy of the same information must be filed with the clerk of that municipality.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill amends the reporting requirement for a person engaged in political activity  
16 from a person who solicits and receives or makes expenditures aggregating in excess of  
17 \$1,500 in regards to a ballot question to a person who expressly advocates or purchases  
18 political advertising in regards to a ballot question.