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House of Representatives, March 1, 2007

An Act To Amend State Employees' Bargaining Agents' Election Contributions

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative ROBINSON of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, DUPREY of Hampden,
HAMPER of Oxford, MILLETT of Waterford, SAVAGE of Falmouth, SYKES of Harrison,
THOMAS of Ripley.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §979-F, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

3 **3. Political contribution.** Upon the written request of 10% of the members of a
4 bargaining unit made to the executive director of the board, a bargaining agent under this
5 chapter shall conduct by secret ballot within that bargaining unit a poll of political party
6 affiliation of the members of the unit. The results of the poll must be made public and the
7 bargaining agent shall ensure that monetary contributions made by the agent to political
8 parties, to political action committees whose principal officers or primary fund-raisers or
9 decision makers are political candidates or political officeholders and to the campaigns of
10 political candidates are made in such a way that the total percentage of money given to a
11 candidate or candidates from each political party is the same as the percentage of
12 members of that bargaining unit that indicated an affiliation with that political party. The
13 percentage of the monetary contributions from members of a bargaining unit who
14 indicated no political party affiliation must be divided among the political parties in the
15 same percentage as the political party affiliation of the bargaining unit.

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SUMMARY

17 This bill requires any labor organization that represents state employees to make
18 political contributions based on political party in the same percentages as the members of
19 a bargaining unit indicate by secret ballot their party affiliations. For those members who
20 do not indicate any affiliation to a political party the contribution must be divided to
21 reflect the percentages of party affiliation in the bargaining unit. The trigger for the poll
22 by secret ballot is a written request made by 10% of the members of a bargaining unit
23 made to the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board.