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House of Representatives, March 6, 2007

An Act To Prohibit Payment for the Gathering of Petition Signatures

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §904-B**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 599, §2, is amended to
3 read:

4 **§904-B. Payment for signature; prohibition**

5 A circulator of an initiative or a referendum petition or a person who causes the
6 circulation of an initiative or referendum petition may not pay or offer to pay any
7 compensation to a person for the person's signature on the initiative or referendum
8 petition.

9 An applicant for an initiative or a referendum petition pursuant to section 901 may
10 not pay or offer to pay any compensation to circulators of petitions or any other person
11 gathering or supplying signatures on the initiative or referendum petition.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 Current law prohibits the circulators or initiators of citizens' initiative petitions or
14 people's veto referendum petitions from paying compensation to a person for that person's
15 signature. This bill additionally prohibits the organizers of petition drives from paying or
16 offering to pay any compensation to petition circulators or any other person gathering or
17 supplying signatures on the initiative or referendum petition.