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1	E.D. 1039
2	Date: 5/8/7 Minority (Filing No. H-209)
3	LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
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5	STATE OF MAINE
6	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7	123RD LEGISLATURE
8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 777, L.D. 1059, Bill, "An Act To Ban Payment-per-signature for Initiative and Referenda Petition Circulators"
11 12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:
13 14	'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §904-B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 599, §2, is amended to read:
15	§904-B. Payment for signature; prohibition
16 17 18 19	A circulator of an initiative or a referendum petition or a person who causes the circulation of an initiative or referendum petition may not pay or offer to pay any compensation to a person for the person's signature on the initiative or referendum petition.
20 21 22 23	A circulator of petitions may not receive payment or compensation directly or indirectly based upon the number of signatures obtained by the circulator. This does not prohibit the payment or compensation of a circulator of petitions that is not directly or indirectly based upon the number of signatures obtained.'
24	SUMMARY
25 26 27	This amendment clarifies the bill by stating that the provision does not prohibit payment or compensation of petition circulators as long as that payment is not based upon the number of signatures obtained.

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