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House of Representatives, March 6, 2007

### **An Act To Ban Payment-per-signature for Initiative and Referenda Petition Circulators**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth,  
BRYANT of Windham, CARTER of Bethel, CONNOR of Kennebunk, GROSE of Woolwich,  
HINCK of Portland, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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 a circulator of petitions compensation based on the number of signatures gathered  
11 by the circulator.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 Current law prohibits a circulator of a citizens' initiative petition or a people's veto  
14 referendum petition from paying compensation to a person for that person's signature.  
15 This bill prohibits an organizer of a petition drive from paying petition circulators based  
16 on the number of signatures gathered.