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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 950, L.D. 1341, Bill, "An Act To Clarify Restrictions on Accepting Campaign Contributions Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1015, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 1999, c. 648, §1, is further amended to read:

C. This subsection does not apply to:

- (1) Solicitations or contributions for bona fide social events hosted for nonpartisan, charitable purposes;
- (2) Solicitations or contributions relating to a special election to fill a vacancy from the time of announcement of the election until the election; and
- ~~(3) Solicitations or contributions after the deadline for filing as a candidate as provided in Title 21-A, section 335; and~~
- (4) Solicitations or contributions accepted by a member of the Legislature supporting that member's campaign for federal office.'

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the provision in the bill that would prohibit receipt and solicitation of contributions from lobbyists until June 15th. Current law provides that receipt and solicitation of contributions from lobbyists is prohibited during legislative session except during the period after the filing deadline as a candidate for election, March 15th. This amendment removes that exception so that receipt and solicitation of contributions from lobbyists would be prohibited at any time during a legislative session.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT