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An Act Concerning Nonprofit Political Action Committees

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

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Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PATRICK of Rumford, PINGREE of North Haven, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§5, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 575, §5, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. Includes:

5 (1) Any separate or segregated fund established by any corporation, membership
6 organization, cooperative or labor organization or nonprofit entity whose
7 purpose is to influence the outcome of an election, including a candidate or
8 question;

9 (2) Any person who serves as a funding and transfer mechanism and spends
10 money to initiate, advance, promote, defeat or influence in any way a candidate,
11 campaign, political party, referendum or initiated petition in this State;

12 (3) Any organization, including any corporation or association or nonprofit
13 entity, that has as its major purpose advocating the passage or defeat of a ballot
14 question and that makes expenditures other than by contribution to a political
15 action committee, for the purpose of the initiation, promotion or defeat of any
16 question; and

17 (4) Any organization, including any corporation or association or nonprofit
18 entity, that has as its major purpose advocating the passage or defeat of a ballot
19 question and that solicits funds from members or nonmembers and spends more
20 than \$1,500 in a calendar year to initiate, advance, promote, defeat or influence in
21 any way a candidate, campaign, political party, referendum or initiated petition,
22 including the collection of signatures for a direct initiative, in this State; and

23 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1053, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is
24 amended to read:

25 **4. Form of organization.** The form or structure of organization, including
26 cooperatives, corporations, voluntary associations, partnerships, nonprofit entities or any
27 other structure by which the committee functions. The date of origin or incorporation
28 must also be specified;

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill includes nonprofit entities in the laws governing required reporting by
31 political action committees.