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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 630, L.D. 1779, Bill, "An Act To Govern Publicly Funded Advertising during Campaigns"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1014, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

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6. Publicly funded advertisements. A candidate may not appear in any broadcast or newspaper advertisement that is paid for, in any amount, by a direct appropriation of state funds from the General Fund, the Highway Fund, a dedicated account or Other Special Revenue Funds. This prohibition applies from the time a person files a petition to become a candidate or is named a replacement candidate until the time of the election. A candidate who violates this subsection is subject to the penalties prescribed in subsection 4 for each broadcast or printing of the advertisement. This subsection does not apply to campaign advertisements paid for by disbursements from the Maine Clean Election Fund.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits a candidate from appearing in radio, television or newspaper advertisements broadcast or published from the time that candidate becomes a candidate up to the election that are paid for, in any amount, by a direct appropriation of state funds. This prohibition does not apply to campaign advertisements paid for by disbursements from the Maine Clean Election Fund.

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