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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 374

H.P. 281

House of Representatives, February 5, 2009

### An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Campaign Report Exemptions

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative VALENTINO of Saco.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CORNELL du HOUX of  
Brunswick, HANLEY of Gardiner, NASS of Acton, TRINWARD of Waterville.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§7-A, ¶B,** as corrected by RR 1995, c. 2, §36, is  
3 amended to read:

4           B. The notice provided to the commission under paragraph A may be revoked at any  
5 time prior to the deadline under this section for filing a candidate's first campaign  
6 finance report with the commission. Prior to revocation, the candidate must appoint a  
7 treasurer. The candidate may not accept contributions, make expenditures or incur  
8 obligations before the appointment of a treasurer and the filing of a revocation notice  
9 are accomplished. A revocation notice must be in the form of an amended  
10 registration, which must be filed with the commission no later than 10 days after the  
11 appointment of a treasurer. The candidate and the candidate's treasurer, as of the date  
12 the revocation notice is filed with the commission, may accept contributions, make  
13 expenditures and incur obligations associated with the candidate's candidacy. Any  
14 candidate who fails to file a timely revocation notice is subject to the penalties  
15 prescribed in section 1020-A, subsection 4, up to a maximum of \$5,000. Lateness is  
16 calculated from the day a contribution is received, an expenditure is made or an  
17 obligation is incurred, whichever is earliest.

18   **SUMMARY**

19           This bill amends the provision of law that allows exemptions for reporting on  
20 campaigns for office to provide that a notice from a candidate or the candidate's agent  
21 that the candidate will not personally accept contributions, make expenditures or incur  
22 obligations may be revoked at any time prior to the deadline for filing a candidate's first  
23 campaign finance report.