

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 410

S.P. 154

In Senate, February 10, 2009

An Act To Improve Maine's Ethics Laws

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative VALENTINO of Saco and
Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, Representatives: BICKFORD of
Auburn, CEBRA of Naples, CRAY of Palmyra, FOSSEL of Alna, GIFFORD of Lincoln,
ROBINSON of Raymond.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1015, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 301, §3, is
3 further amended to read:

4 B. The Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer or the
5 staff or agent of the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional
6 officer may not intentionally solicit or accept a contribution from a lobbyist, lobbyist
7 associate or employer during any period of time in which the Legislature is convened
8 before final adjournment, except for a qualifying contribution as defined under Title
9 21-A, section 1122, subsection 7. A lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer may not
10 intentionally give, offer or promise a contribution, other than a qualifying
11 contribution, to the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional
12 officer or the staff or agent of the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any
13 constitutional officer during any time in which the Legislature is convened before
14 final adjournment. A member of the Legislature may not intentionally solicit or
15 accept a contribution from a lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer on behalf of the
16 Legislator's employer during any period of time in which the Legislature is convened
17 before final adjournment. These prohibitions apply to direct and indirect solicitation,
18 acceptance, giving, offering and promising, whether through a political action
19 committee, political committee, political party or otherwise.

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SUMMARY

21 This bill prohibits Legislators from soliciting donations or contributions from
22 lobbyists on behalf of the Legislator's employer.