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H.P. 379

House of Representatives, February 12, 2009

**An Act To Require Disclosure to a Potential Signer That a
Circulator of Petitions for a Direct Initiative or People's Veto of
Legislation Is Being Paid**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Newfield.
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CONNOR of Kennebunk, HOGAN of Old Orchard
Beach, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, TRINWARD of Waterville, VALENTINO of
Saco, WHEELER of Kittery, Senator: BRYANT of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §904-C** is enacted to read:

3 **§904-C. Payment per signature; disclosure required**

4 A circulator of a petition for a people's veto referendum under the Constitution of
5 Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 17 or a direct initiative under the Constitution of
6 Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 who receives payment or compensation for the
7 collection of signatures shall disclose to each person from whom the circulator secures or
8 seeks to secure a signature the fact that the circulator is being paid or compensated.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires that the circulators of petitions for a direct initiative or a people's
11 veto disclose to each potential signer the fact that the circulator is being paid or
12 compensated.