

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 421

House of Representatives, February 17, 2009

### An Act Relating to Political Action Committees

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TRINWARD of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and  
Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, CAREY of Lewiston, RUSSELL of Portland,  
TUTTLE of Sanford, VALENTINO of Saco.

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

2 Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

3 1-A. Candidate political action committee. "Candidate political action committee"  
4 is a political action committee that makes contributions or expenditures for the purpose of  
5 influencing the nomination or election of a person to political office.

6 Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1056-C is enacted to read:

7 §1056-C. Contribution limits

8 Contributions to a candidate political action committee are limited as described in  
9 this section.

10 1. One thousand dollar limit. A person who is not a political action committee  
11 may not contribute more than \$1,000 to any one candidate political action committee per  
12 2-year election cycle.

13 2. Ten thousand dollar limit. A person who is not a political action committee may  
14 not contribute more than a total of \$10,000 to candidate political action committees per 2-  
15 year election cycle.

16 3. Twenty-five thousand dollar limit. A political action committee may not  
17 contribute more than a total of \$25,000 to candidate political action committees per 2-  
18 year election cycle.

19 4. For-profit corporation. A for-profit corporation may not contribute to candidate  
20 political action committees.

21 This section may not be construed as establishing contribution limits on political  
22 action committees or ballot question committees that do not make contributions or  
23 expenditures for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of a person to  
24 political office.

25 SUMMARY

26 This bill defines "candidate political action committee." The bill also limits the  
27 amount a person may contribute to a candidate political action committee during a 2-year  
28 election cycle, limits the aggregate amount that a person may give to candidate political  
29 action committees during a 2-year election cycle, limits the aggregate amount that a  
30 political action committee may give to candidate political action committees during a 2-  
31 year election cycle and prohibits for-profit corporations from contributing to candidate  
32 political action committees.