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No. 607

S.P. 222

In Senate, February 17, 2009

An Act To Amend the Maine Clean Election Act as It Relates to Independent Expenditures

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CUSHING of Hampden, FITTS of Pittsfield, FOSSEL of Alna, NASS of Acton, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, VALENTINO of Saco, WEAVER of York.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §20, is further amended to read:

B. Is presumed in races involving a candidate who is certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate under section 1125, subsection 5 to be any expenditure made to design, produce or disseminate a communication that names or depicts a clearly identified candidate and is disseminated during the 21 days, including election day, before a primary election; the 35 days, during the period between Labor Day and election day, including Labor Day and election day, before a general election; or during a special election until and on election day.

#### SUMMARY

This bill extends the rebuttable presumption period for independent expenditures for general election races that include a Maine Clean Election Act candidate from 35 days before election day to from Labor Day to election day.

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