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#### STATE OF MAINE

#### SENATE

#### **124TH LEGISLATURE**

#### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 380, L.D. 1016, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Campaign Finance Reports and the Maine Clean Election Act"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 6 in subsection 3-B in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (1) (page 2, lines 26 and 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'(1) A <u>For legislative candidates in a primary election only, a</u> report on the 42nd day before the date on which <del>an</del> <u>a primary</u> election is held that is complete as of the 44th day before that date;'

Amend the bill in Part B by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. B-1. 21-A MRSA §1122, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. B, §2, is further amended to read:

7. Qualifying contribution. "Qualifying contribution" means a donation:

A. Of \$5 in the form of a check or a money order payable to the fund, and signed by the contributor and made in support of a candidate or made over the Internet in support of a candidate according to the procedure established by the commission;

B. Made by a registered voter within the electoral division for the office a candidate is seeking and whose voter registration has been verified by the municipal registrar according to procedures established by the commission;

C. Made during the designated qualifying period; and

28 D. That the contributor acknowledges was made with the contributor's personal 29 funds and in support of the candidate and was not given in exchange for anything of 30 value and that the candidate acknowledges was obtained with the candidate's 31 knowledge and approval and that nothing of value was given in exchange for the 32 contribution, on forms provided by the commission.'

33 Amend the bill in Part B by inserting at the end the following:

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** 

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'Sec. B-3. Routine technical rules. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1126, rules adopted to establish procedures for verifying the voter registration of individuals making qualifying contributions are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

#### SUMMARY

This amendment restores the requirement for a participating candidate for the Legislature who has filed a "trigger report" to file an accelerated report 42 days before a primary election. This requirement is only for the primary election. As in the bill, an accelerated report is not required 42 days before the general election. The amendment would also clarify that the voters of this State may make \$5 qualifying contributions over the Internet according to the procedures established by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

#### FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See Attached)

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** 





## **124th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

LD 1016

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "/(" Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

**Fiscal Note** 

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

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Additional costs to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.