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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 662,
L.D. 1730, Bill, "An Act To Strengthen the Ballot Initiative Process"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §903-D is enacted to read:

**§903-D. Organization opposed to direct initiative and people's veto petition
required to be registered**

An organization opposed to a petition shall register with the Secretary of State in accordance with this section. For the purposes of this section, "organization opposed to a petition" means a business entity that receives compensation for organizing, supervising or managing the opposition of petitions for a direct initiative of legislation or a people's veto referendum.

1. Registration. Prior to organizing, supervising or managing the opposition of petitions for a direct initiative of legislation or a people's veto referendum, an organization opposed to a petition, in addition to meeting any other requirement to transact business in this State, shall register with the Secretary of State on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. The registration form must include the following:

A. The ballot question or title of each direct initiative of legislation or people's veto referendum for which the organization opposed to a petition will receive compensation;

B. Contact information for the organization opposed to a petition, including the name of the organization opposed to a petition, street address or post office box, telephone number and e-mail address; and

C. The name and signature of a designated agent for the organization opposed to a petition.

The information contained in the registration must be made available for public inspection and must be posted on the publicly accessible website of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §904, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 455, §53, is amended to read:



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An Act To Strengthen the Ballot Initiative Process

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "D" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Trahan of Lincoln

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class E crimes.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.