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Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate. STATE OF MAINE SENATE 124TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION
SENATE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 662 .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 ecordance with this section. For the purposes of this section, "organization opposed to setition" means a business entity that receives compensation for organizing, supervising managing the opposition of petitions for a direct initiative of legislation or a people to referendum.
1. Registration. Prior to organizing, supervising or managing the opposition of etitions for a direct initiative of legislation or a people's veto referendum, are reganization opposed to a petition, in addition to meeting any other requirement to ansact business in this State, shall register with the Secretary of State on a form rescribed 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.
he information contained in the registration must be made available for public spection and must be posted on the publicly accessible website of the Secretary of ate.

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	SENATE AMENDMENT 10 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT A 10 S.P. 002, L.D. 1730	
1 2	4. Duplicate signature. Knowingly signs the person's name more than once initiative or referendum petitions for the same measure; or	on
3 4	Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §904, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 455, §53, amended to read:	is
5 6 7	5. False swearing; signature made in circulator's presence. Circulates initiative or referendum petition and willfully swears that a signature to the petition w made in the circulator's presence when it was not; or	
8	Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §904, sub-§6 is enacted to read:	
9 10	6. Interfere with free passage. Interferes with the free passage of circulators petitions or members of the public signing initiatives or referendum petitions.'	<u>of</u>
11 12	Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part lett or section number to read consecutively.	ter
13	SUMMARY	
14	This amendment does the following.	
15 16 17	1. It provides that a person commits a Class E crime if that person interferes with the free passage of circulators of petitions or members of the public signing initiatives referendum petitions.	
18 19	2. It imposes on organizations that are opposed to a petition registration requirement that are modeled on those imposed on petition organizations.	ıts
20	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED	
21	SPONSORED BY: (See attached)	
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(Senator TRAHAN)

COUNTY: Lincoln

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An Act To Strengthen the Ballot Initiative Process

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment """ 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.