

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 283

House of Representatives, February 12, 2013

### **An Act To Require a Copy of Communications To Be Filed with Independent Expenditure Reports**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SAXTON of Harpswell.  
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: MASON of Topsham, MORRISON of South Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 524, §7, is  
3 amended to read:

4 B. A report required by this subsection must contain an itemized account of each  
5 expenditure aggregating in excess of \$100 in any one candidate's election, the date  
6 and purpose of each expenditure and the name of each payee or creditor. The report  
7 must state whether the expenditure is in support of or in opposition to the candidate  
8 and must include, under penalty of perjury, as provided in Title 17-A, section 451, a  
9 statement under oath or affirmation whether the expenditure is made in cooperation,  
10 consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, the candidate or an  
11 authorized committee or agent of the candidate. If an expenditure is made for a  
12 communication in support of or opposition to a candidate, the report must contain a  
13 copy or image of the final version of any mailer, postcard or advertisement. If the  
14 communication was made via telephone, television, radio or Internet, the report must  
15 include a transcript of the communication and a video or audio copy of the  
16 communication.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill amends the law governing reports required for independent expenditures  
19 made in support of or opposition to a candidate. The bill requires that a copy of the  
20 communication be included with the independent expenditure report.