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House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

An Act Regarding Political Action Committee Expenditures

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, LONGSTAFF of Waterville,
SCHNECK of Bangor, Senator: MASON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1054-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§1054-B. Payments to Legislators by political action committees**

4 If a Legislator is a principal officer or treasurer of a political action committee or is
5 one of the individuals primarily responsible for raising contributions or making decisions
6 for the political action committee, the committee may not compensate the Legislator or a
7 member of the Legislator's immediate family or household for services provided to the
8 committee. The committee may not make payments to or compensate a business owned
9 or operated by the Legislator. The committee may reimburse the Legislator or family or
10 household member for expenses incurred in the proper performance of the duties of the
11 Legislator, for purchases made on behalf of the committee and for travel expenses
12 associated with volunteering for the committee. Allowable reimbursement for expenses
13 does not include payments from the committee that are determined by the commission to
14 be for the purpose of personal financial enrichment of the Legislator or a member of the
15 Legislator's immediate family or household.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill prohibits a political action committee from compensating a Legislator or
18 member of the Legislator's immediate family or household or a business owned or
19 operated by the Legislator for services provided to the committee if the Legislator is a
20 principal officer or treasurer of the committee or is one of the individuals primarily
21 responsible for raising contributions or making decisions for the committee.