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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

128TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 395, L.D. 1174, Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Use of Public Money for Bulk Mailing in the Election Process"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Require Reporting of Expenditures for Bulk Mail by Candidates and Political Action Committees'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2011, c. 522, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Content. A report required under this section must contain the itemized accounts of contributions received during that report filing period, including the date a contribution was received, and the name, address, occupation, principal place of business, if any, and the amount of the contribution of each person who has made a contribution or contributions aggregating in excess of \$50. The report must contain the itemized expenditures made or authorized during the report filing period, the date and purpose of each expenditure and the name of each payee and creditor and any refund that a payee has made to the candidate or an agent of the candidate. If the payee is a member of the candidate's household or immediate family, the candidate must disclose the candidate's relationship to the payee in a manner prescribed by the commission. The report must contain a statement of any loan to a candidate by a financial institution in connection with that candidate's candidacy that is made during the period covered by the report, whether or not the loan is defined as a contribution under section 1012, subsection 2, paragraph A. The report must contain documentation of any expenditure for bulk mail accompanied by a copy of United States Postal Service form 3602, or its successor form, for standard mail and form 3600, or its successor form, for first-class mail. The candidate and the treasurer are jointly and severally responsible for the timely and accurate filing of each required report.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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An Act To Clarify the Use of Public Money for Bulk Mailing in the Election Process

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-214)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices as a result of additional documentation regarding the use of bulk mailings are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.