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S.P. 295

In Senate, February 16, 2023

An Act to Prohibit Government Contracting Organizations from Influencing Elections

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HARRINGTON of York, TIMBERLAKE of
Androscoggin, Representative: ANDREWS of Paris.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1812-H** is enacted to read:

3 **§1812-H. Prohibition on political activities**

4 A contract with the State in an amount over \$500,000 must include a clause that
5 prohibits the other contracting party, including a person, corporation, union or nonprofit
6 corporation, from engaging in any effort to influence an election in the State through a
7 contribution to a candidate, a political action committee, a political party or a political
8 organization registered as a tax-exempt organization under 26 United States Code, Section
9 501(c)(4). The period of the prohibition under this section must be for the duration of the
10 contract plus 2 years.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires that every contract with the State in an amount over \$500,000 have a
13 clause that prohibits the other contracting party from influencing state elections through
14 contributions to a candidate, a political action committee, a political party or a political
15 organization that is a tax-exempt organization under 26 United States Code, Section
16 501(c)(4) for the duration of the contract plus 2 years.