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No. 342

HOUSE AMENDMENT A TO H. P. 92—H. D. 31

House of Representatives, Mar. 9, 1927.

On Motion of Mr. Hale of Portland, tabled pending adoption and 1,000 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Holman of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

House Amendment "A" to Bill "An Act Relating to Expenditures and Returns of Candidates for Public Office."

Amend by striking out all after the enacting clause and
2 inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 1. Section eighteen of chapter six of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the ninth,
3 tenth and eleventh lines thereof the words "except my
4 actual personal expenses for postage, telegrams, telephones,
5 stationery, express and traveling," by inserting in the nine-
6 tenth line thereof after the words "soliciting agents" the
7 words and symbols in the following order:

'Postage

\$

'Telegrams	\$
'Telephones	\$
'Stationery	\$
'Express	\$
'Traveling	\$

8 and by striking out in the fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh,
 9 and fifty-eighth lines the words "omitting only therefrom
 10 any sums expended by them for the actual personal ex-
 11 penses of the candidate for postage, telegrams, telephones,
 12 stationery, express, and traveling," so that said section, as
 13 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 18. Each candidate, so nominated, shall, with such
 2 acceptance, send to the secretary of state the following re-
 3 turn by him subscribed and sworn to:

RETURN OF EXPENDITURES

To the Secretary of State:

I, _____, of _____, nominated for
 2 the office of _____ at the primary election
 3 held on June _____ 19____, on oath depose and say that the
 4 following is a true and perfect return of all expenditures
 5 by me made, or liabilities by me incurred for any purpose
 6 whatever, in connection with my said nomination, or the
 7 procurement thereof, before, at, or since said primary elec-
 8 tion.

The total amount thereof was _____ \$

The aforesaid amount is made up of the following:

Printing _____ \$

foregoing return by him signed is true.

Bebore me,

Justice of the Peace.

If any statement in said return is wilfully false it shall be
2 deemed to be perjury and shall be punished accordingly.
3 No expenditures shall be so made, or liabilities be so in-
4 curred except for the purposes named aforesaid in said
5 return. The sub-division "Miscellaneous" shall not exceed
6 ten per cent of the total amount hereinafter permitted, and
7 shall include no items not legitimate under sections one
8 hundred and twenty-four to one hundred and thirty-two,
9 both inclusive, of chapter seven; sub-sections (d) and (e)
10 of section one hundred and twenty-eight of chapter seven,
11 as applied to primary elections, are to be construed as if
12 reading as follows: '(d) of renting and furnishing rooms
13 to be used by candidates or their political agents, and for
14 the reasonable entertainment and refreshment exclusive of
15 alcoholic beverages, of political agent;' '(e) of compensat-
16 ing clerks and other persons employed in candidates' rooms
17 and at the polls.' Political agents of candidates appointed
18 under the provisions of said sections shall, within fifteen
19 days after the date of the primary election, make to the
20 secretary of state the return required by this section of
21 candidates; and the form of the return shall be varied ac-
22 cordingly. Candidates who are their own political agents
23 need not make a separate return in the latter capacity. Any
24 political agent failing to make return within the time re-

25 quired, shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each day on
26 which he is in default, unless he shall be excused by the
27 court, but such failure shall not avoid nor affect the nomi-
28 nation of the candidate. The returns aforesaid shall be
29 open to public inspection for one year and then be de-
30 stroyed. The failure of any candidate to file a return with-
31 in the time required by section seventeen, shall render his
32 nomination void.

Sect. 2. Section twenty-one of said chapter is hereby
2 amended by striking out in the fifth line thereof the words
3 “one thousand five hundred” and inserting in place thereof
4 the words ‘five thousand,’ and by striking out in the sixth
5 line thereof the words “five hundred” and inserting in place
6 thereof the words ‘two thousand,’ and by striking out in
7 the sixth and seventh lines thereof the words “one hundred
8 and fifty” and inserting in place thereof the words ‘five
9 hundred,’ and by striking out in the tenth line the word
10 “one” and inserting the word ‘three,’ and by striking out
11 in the tenth line thereof the word “fifty” and inserting in
12 place thereof the words ‘one hundred fifty,’ and by striking
13 out in the eleventh line thereof the words “one thousand
14 five hundred” and by inserting in place thereof the words
15 ‘five thousand,’ so that said section, as amended, shall read
16 as follows:

‘Sect. 21. The expenditures to be made, and liabilities
2 incurred, for which returns are to be made as hereinbefore
3 provided, shall not exceed in amount for each candidate

4 the following: In case of nominations for any office to be
5 filled by the voters of the state five thousand dollars, for
6 members of congress two thousand dollars, for state sena-
7 tors and county officers five hundred dollars, for each ten
8 thousand votes cast for governor within the county at the
9 last preceding gubernatorial election or fraction thereof,
10 for members of legislature in representative districts having
11 three representatives or more, three hundred dollars, in
12 other representative districts one hundred fifty dollars, for
13 United States senator five thousand dollars. Whenever such
14 expenditures and liabilities exceed the foregoing limitations,
15 upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the secretary of
16 state, after complaint, notice and hearing, or upon the ad-
17 mission of the fact by the candidate in his return, the finding
18 of such fact by the secretary of state shall be deemed to be
19 a withdrawal by such candidate and the vacancy shall be
20 filled in like manner as if such candidate had filed a with-
21 drawal in writing.'