

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 422

S. P. 784

In Senate, April 5, 1929.

Tabled by Senator Dwinal of Knox pending acceptance of report and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Murchie of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Regulate Expenditures in Connection with Matters of Legislation Submitted to the People Under the Provisions of Article Thirty-one of the Constitution Providing for the Initiative and Referendum.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm,
2 association, committee, organization or corporation to make
3 any expenditure either for printing, publication, postage,
4 hauling of voters or otherwise calculated to induce or pro-
5 cure any person or persons to vote either for or against
6 the passage of any question so submitted unless within

7 seven days of the time of such expenditure or of the time
8 of incurring any indebtedness in connection therewith such
9 person, firm, association, committee, organization or corpo-
10 ration shall report the same to the secretary of state stating
11 whether the expenditure has been made for or against a
12 particular measure and giving the amount of such expendi-
13 ture or indebtedness.

Sect. 2. The secretary of state shall thirty days before
2 the date of any election under the provisions of article thir-
3 ty-one of the constitution publish in all the daily and weekly
4 papers of the state a statement setting forth the total ex-
5 penditures made in accordance with the information filed
6 with him under the terms of this act by those advocating
7 the passage and by those advocating the defeat of each item
8 of proposed legislation and giving a list of the parties mak-
9 ing such expenditures and said secretary of state shall pub-
10 lish revised figures in each of said papers fifteen days and
11 five days respectively before the date of such election.

Sect. 3. Any person, firm, association, committee, organi-
2 zation or corporation violating the provisions of section one
3 of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one
4 thousand dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding eleven
5 months.

Sect. 4. The provisions of this act shall not apply to per-
2 sonal correspondence.