

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 191

House of Representatives, January 26, 1955.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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### **AN ACT Repealing Statement of Contributions and Expenses by Municipal Candidates.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 9, § 6, amended.** Section 6 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 6. After election candidates to file statement of contributions and expenses.** Every candidate for public office shall, within 15 days after the election at which he was a candidate, file with the Secretary of State, if a candidate for United States Senator, Representative in Congress, or for any state or county office, State Senator or Representative in the Legislature, ~~but with the clerk of the municipality in which he resides, if he was a candidate for a city, ward or town office~~ an itemized, sworn statement setting forth in detail all the moneys contributed, expended or promised by him to aid and promote his nomination or election, or both, as the case may be, and all existing unfulfilled promises, or liabilities remaining uncanceled and in force at the time such statement is made, whether such expenditures, promises and liabilities were made or incurred before, during or after such election. If no money or other valuable thing was given, paid, expended, contributed or promised, and no unfulfilled liabilities were incurred by a candidate for public office to aid or promote his nomination or election, other than said actual personal expenses, he shall file a statement to that effect within 15 days after the election at which he was a candidate. Any candidate who shall fail to file such a statement shall be punished by a fine of \$25 for every day he is in default, unless he shall be excused by the court. Fifteen days after any such election, the Secretary of State ~~of the clerk of the municipality, as the case may be~~ shall notify the proper prosecuting officer of

any failure to file such statement on the part of any candidate, and within 10 days thereafter such prosecuting officer shall proceed to prosecute such candidate for such offense. This section shall not apply to primary elections held under the provisions of sections 15 to 51 of chapter 4. No person elected to any office established by the Constitution or laws of this State shall receive any salary or emolument for the period during which he shall have failed to file such statement.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 9, § 7, amended.** The last sentence of section 7 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed as follows:

~~'The secretary of state shall, at the expense of the state, provide every city and town clerk with blank forms suitable for the statements required to be returned to him.'~~