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CHAPTER 479

S. P. 78 — L. D. 167

AN ACT to Amend the Campaign Finance Law.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 1393, sub-§ 4, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 575, § 6, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1397, sub-§ 7, first sentence as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 575, § 13, is amended to read:

Reports required by this chapter shall be on forms prescribed by the commission and, prepared by the Secretary of State and sent by the commission to the candidate at least 7 days prior to the filing date for the report.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 1397, sub-§ 7, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 575, § 13, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Although the commission mails the forms for required reports, failure to receive forms by mail does not excuse committees, candidates and other persons who must file reports from otherwise obtaining the forms.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA § 1398, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 575, § 14, is amended to read:

The commission shall determine whether a report received after the date required by this chapter is late and, if determined to be late, the number of days of lateness.

Sec. 5. 21 MRSA § 1398, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 575, § 14, is amended by adding at the end the following:

If the reason for the late filing is that the forms sent to the candidate by the commission were not postmarked at least 7 days prior to the filing date, the period for filing shall be increased by the deficiency without penalty.

Sec. 6. 21 MRSA § 1413, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 575, § 17, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Although the commission mails the forms for required reports, failure to receive forms by mail does not excuse persons required to file reports from otherwise obtaining the forms.

Sec. 7. 21 MRSA § 1417, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 575, § 17, is amended to read:

The commission shall determine whether a report received after the date required by this chapter is late and, if determined to be late, the number of days of lateness.

Sec. 8. 21 MRSA § 1475, as amended by PL 1975, c. 761, § 55, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1475. New candidate or nominee to file campaign report

1. Campaign report. A candidate for nomination or a nominee chosen to fill a vacancy shall file a campaign report, as prescribed in section 1397, with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices within 15 days after his appointment and thereafter on the schedule prescribed by section 1397. The commission shall furnish notification of this requirement and report forms to the candidate immediately upon his appointment.

2. Penalty. There shall be a penalty of \$10 for each day that a report required to be filed under this section is late. If the forms sent to the candidate by the commission were not postmarked at least 7 days prior to the filing date, the period for filing shall be increased by the deficiency without penalty.

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CHAPTER 480

H. P. 636 — L. D. 787

AN ACT to Increase the Dollar Amount of an Accident That Must be Reported to the Secretary of State from \$200 to \$300.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 891, first ¶, is amended to read:

The Chief of the State Police shall prepare and shall supply to police and sheriffs' offices and other suitable agencies forms of accident reports calling for sufficiently detailed information to disclose, with reference to a ~~highway accident~~ **an accident on a public way or any place where public traffic may reasonably be anticipated** the cause, conditions then existing and the persons and vehicles involved.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 891, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1973, c. 689, § 2, is further amended to read: