**An Act to Prohibit Government Contracting Organizations from Influencing Elections**

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

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

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

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

**SUMMARY**

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