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132ND LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 804, L.D. 1229, “An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Campaign Finance Laws Between Enrolled and Unenrolled Candidates”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Campaign Finance Laws'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Modifications of limitations on contributions for general election candidates.
Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of contribution limits under subsections 1 and 2-B:

A. For a candidate in a general election who was nominated by primary election, the candidate may receive contributions from a source for purposes of the general election aggregating up to twice the amount established for contribution limits in subsections 1 and 2-B, minus any contributions the source provided to the candidate for purposes of the primary election; and

B. For a gubernatorial or legislative candidate in a general election who was nominated by petition or through the replacement procedures in section 374-A, the candidate has the same contribution limits as a candidate for the same office who was on the ballot in the primary election.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that a candidate in a general election who was nominated by primary election may receive contributions from a source for the general election aggregating up to twice the amount established for contribution limits to candidates in support of the candidate's candidacy. This amount is

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1 reduced by any contributions made by that source to the candidate for the purposes of the
2 primary election. The amendment also provides that a gubernatorial or legislative
3 candidate in a general election who was nominated by petition or who was nominated as a
4 replacement nominee by a political committee for the general election has the same
5 contribution limits as a candidate for the same office who was on the ballot in the primary
6 election.

7 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

8 **(See attached)**