



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 793

LR 613(01)

An Act To Limit Campaign Independent Expenditures

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Dillingham of Oxford

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential Litigation Cost - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would limit the aggregate independent expenditures made by a person, party committee, political committee or political action committee during Gubernatorial, State Senator or State Representative election cycles to \$7,500 for Gubernatorial candidates, \$5,000 for State Senator candidates and \$2,500 for State Representative candidates. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (CGEEP) has indicated that there is a substantial probability a lawsuit would be filed challenging the constitutionality of the bill if enacted. No estimate is made at this time regarding the probability of any litigation costs.

Any additional costs associated with additional independent expenditure reporting requirements are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within the existing budgeted resources of the CGEEP.