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**An Act To Limit Contributions to Candidates for Maine Offices to
Maine Residents**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 382, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **1. Individuals.** An individual may not make a contribution in support of the
5 candidacy of a person who is a candidate for Governor, the Legislature or a municipal
6 office unless the individual making the contribution is a resident of the State. An
7 individual may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one
8 person aggregating more than \$1,500 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate, more
9 than \$350 for a legislative candidate, more than \$350 for a candidate for municipal office
10 and beginning January 1, 2012 more than \$750 for a candidate for municipal office or
11 more than \$750 in any election for any other candidate. This limitation does not apply to
12 contributions in support of a candidate by that candidate or that candidate's spouse or
13 domestic partner. Beginning December 1, 2010, contribution limits in accordance with
14 this subsection are adjusted every 2 years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported
15 by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the
16 nearest amount divisible by \$25. The commission shall post the current contribution limit
17 and the amount of the next adjustment and the date that it will become effective on its
18 publicly accessible website and include this information with any publication to be used
19 as a guide for candidates.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill limits contributions to candidates seeking to be elected as Governor, as a
22 member of the Legislature or for a municipal office to contributions from state residents.